



BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 19, 2008, 10:00 a.m.
1101 Kermit Drive, First Floor
Nashville, Tennessee

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERSHIP PRESENT

Scott Foster – Chairman	Mayor, City of Hendersonville
Rogers Anderson – Vice Chairman	Mayor, Williamson County
Paul Ballard – Secretary	Governor Appointee
Howard Bradley	Mayor, Robertson County
Tom Brashear	Alternate, Wilson County
Ernest Burgess	Mayor, Rutherford County
Angie Carrier	Alternate, City of White House
Jim Cotey	Governor Appointee
Betsy Crossley	Alternate, City of Brentwood
Eddie Davidson	Alternate, Metro Nashville/Davidson County
Roger Farley	Governor Appointee
Jo Ann Graves	Mayor, City of Gallatin
Rick Gregory	Alternate, City of Goodlettsville
Mike Moulton	Alternate, Sumner County
Bill Orange	Mayor, Cheatham County
Randy Robertson	Alternate, City of Mt. Juliet
John Schroer	Mayor, City of Franklin
Kenneth Wilber	Mayor, City of Portland

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Terry Bebout	TSG
Tauna Blaisdell	GNRC
Patty Cavanah	GNRC
Felix Castrodad	MPO
Jerry Clift	Trousdale County
Erin Collier	RTA Staff
Sam Edwards	GNRC
Amanda Evilcizer	GNRC
Ron Fults	GNRC
Glenda Griggs	RTA Staff
Tanisha Hall	GNRC
Jovia King	GNRC
Jeff Pancirov	GNRC

Matt Meservy
Sharon Simmons
Allyson Shumate
Diane Thorne
Deborah Varallo

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Scott Foster called the Board meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, March 19, 2008, at 1101 Kermit Drive, First Floor, Nashville, Tennessee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Foster called for approval of the minutes of the February 20, 2008 Board meeting. Robertson County Mayor Howard Bradley made a motion to approve the minutes. Rutherford County Mayor Ernest Burgess seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Foster called for any comments from the public. There were no public comments.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 4 was presented by Sam Edwards. The item was Legislative Update. Mr. Edwards stated that RTA's tort liability bill is on the April 2 House Judiciary Committee agenda. Subject to the will of the House, the bill should then go to Calendar and Rules and on to the House floor. When the bill passes the House, it will be included on the Senate message calendar. The Senate will then be asked to substitute and conform with HB 1591.

Mr. Edwards commented that the legislative members who supported the bill last year are still supportive. After the bill goes through the House, Mr. Edwards will meet with the Senate sponsors.

To bring new RTA Board members up to date on the issue, Mr. Edwards reviewed the background of the tort liability bill. The bill numbers are: Senate Bill 1183 and House Bill 1591.

Item 5 was presented by Allyson Shumate and Glenda Griggs. The item was Ridership Reports. Mrs. Shumate stated that the Music City Star average daily ridership for February was 623. The ridership is up 28% from this time last year. She reported that the Donelson shuttle average daily ridership is 20. Mrs. Shumate noted that the Board packet included a letter from one of the Donelson shuttle riders regarding how much he appreciates and enjoys the service.

Mrs. Griggs reported that the ridership on the Hendersonville 35X continues to do well; February ridership was 1,759 compared to 1,412 at this time last year. She stated that the Murfreesboro 96X ridership was 5,842 in February 2008 as opposed to 4,151 February 2007.

Item 6 was presented by Diane Thorne. The item was January Financial Reports. Mrs. Thorne stated that the Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 8. The reports will be presented at that time.

Item 7 was presented by Sam Edwards. The item was Executive Session. Chairman Foster dismissed everyone, except for Board members, the RTA Executive Director and Rail Project Manager, and GNRC fiscal officer, from the Board meeting.

Item 8 was presented by Sam Edwards. The item was Report on Executive Session. Mr. Edwards, RTA legal counsel, stated that he answered questions from the Board members regarding the Colonial Pipeline lawsuit against the Nashville and Eastern Railroad Corporation. In brief summary, the Tennessee Supreme Court denied the application to hear the case. The lawsuit now goes back to the Chancery Court for a determination of award. There was no discussion between Board members, only questions to Mr. Edwards and answers from Mr. Edwards.

Item 9 was presented by Sam Edwards. The item was Possible Action of Executive Session. No action resulted from the Executive Session.

OTHER BUSINESS

With there being no further business, Mayor Bradley made the motion to adjourn. Cheatham County Mayor Bill Orange seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully,

Paul J. Ballard

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RTA Secretary