

43 higher amount than anticipated. Overall, the District is in good shape. Funds in the
44 assigned portion of the fund balance are for future capital projects; showing it as
45 assigned indicates that the money is available for match for future grants. Being
46 “assigned” doesn’t mean that it is set in stone; Glen recommended that the District
47 continue to have assigned funds in the fund balance, commenting that it is prudent to
48 do so. Some discussion. The vast majority of sales tax revenue is always two months
49 behind. The interest rate for savings has been inching up, so the revenue from this has
50 increased; this amount will lower in May because of four big bus purchases. The
51 board will be looking over the financial audit in May.

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53 8. Update on presentation at Mayor’s Association meeting – Ron Natali, Public
54 Engagement Committee Chair: Jeff Young, head mayor of the mayors association,
55 asked that the District give a presentation at one of their meetings. Holly Broome-
56 Hyer introduced, Ron Natali and Todd Beutler presented. They went over three topics
57 in their presentation: compensation, ridership, and the fund balance. The presentation
58 got positive feedback; the Providence mayor requested that the District do a
59 presentation for Providence.

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61 9. Review Board Presentation for city councils – Ron Natali, Public Engagement
62 Committee Chair: Rumor (the marketing company the District hired) put together a
63 presentation for board members to take to their city councils; the presentation can be
64 adjusted to what board members want to talk about with their city council. If a board
65 member is uncomfortable getting up in front of others to do presentations, they can do
66 the introduction for another board member who will then do the presentation. If a
67 board member would like another to present in their stead, they can contact the PEP
68 committee to arrange this. Ron Natali requested the board members to review the
69 presentation and email him with any comments or questions. The first presentation
70 will be when Jeff Turley presents to the Providence City Council; Ron recommended
71 that if board members are available they go and watch, because Jeff does a good job
72 when he presents. Shaun Bushman asked what the purpose of doing the presentations
73 was. Ron answered that it is to engage and inform the elected officials. The Logan
74 representatives briefly discussed who should go and when. Todd Beutler requested
75 that if a board member would like him or another member of management to be
76 present that they let him know so he can schedule ahead of time. Todd also
77 encouraged board members to engage with city officials afterwards to see what the
78 priorities are in their communities. Craig Wright commented that these presentations
79 are an excellent opportunity to formalize what has been discussed in board meetings
80 and get those messages across. Jeannie Simmonds commented that this presentation
81 would give the board more transparency. Craig Wright added that he feels that they
82 have let the absence of communication and conversation be filled with half-truths and
83 misinformation, so the presentation is a great opportunity for the board to get out
84 there.

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10. Board Chair’s Report: Craig Wright talked about the meeting with the FTA region administrator and staff. Todd Beutler and Curtis Roberts were well prepared and able to answer their questions and discuss District plans and projects. Craig commented that he was impressed with the strong working relationship that Todd and Curtis had with these professionals. The FTA region administrator has information about transit agencies across the nation; when they were all in the shop talking about funding plans for buses, she was extremely impressed with how far out the staff had planned bus replacement (funding is allocated through 2022). Many transit agencies are living paycheck to paycheck with bus replacements; Craig commended the staff for taking such good care of the District.

11. General Manager’s Report: Todd Beutler talked about the annual meeting with UDOT, which the District and other transit agencies in the state attend (UDOT has federal dollars that it controls for transit). They went through the allocations and the District was able to secure some funding; after the meeting, the UDOT director pulled Todd and Curtis aside. The director informed them that UDOT had an extra 2.5 million dollars for bus allocation and asked if the District could put that money to use. Todd commented that this was the result of the planning and preparation of the staff (the staff has a ten-year bus replacement schedule). UDOT knows that the District has a plan and that they know how to make use of that money. Todd added that the UDOT director has hired some new staff and he wants to send them over to be trained by Curtis Roberts on this process. Todd mentioned that his philosophy is to hire talented people and get out of their way. Todd updated the board on the crosswalk project with the university; USU will be starting construction at the beginning of May and will be finishing at the beginning of August. The District’s part in this project includes GPS on the buses so that when they get within a certain proximity to the crosswalk by the education building (one of the busiest crosswalks on campus), the signal will stop pedestrians, which will dramatically increase safety in the area. In the May board meeting, they will be discussing service recommendations.

12. **Adjourn:** Acting Chair Craig Wright asked for a motion to adjourn. Jeannie Simmonds moved.