Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
Cache Valley Transit District  
Wednesday, April 27, 2022  
5:45 pm  
Riverwoods Conference Center  
615 S Riverwoods Pkwy, Logan, Utah  
Willow Room

Present: Patrick Jenkins, Holly Broome-Hyer, Shaun Bushman, Terrie Wierenga, Ron Bushman, Paul James, Glen Schmidt, Mike Arnold, David Geary, Bob Christensen, Mary Barrus, Lieren Hansen, Sue Sorenson, and Lyle Lundberg

Excused: Abraham Verdoes, Cecelia Benson, Jeff Turley, Gregory Shannon, and Jeannie Simmonds

Others: Todd Beutler, Charise VanDyke, and Curtis Roberts

Regular Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order: Board Chair Patrick Jenkins

2. Approval of Agenda: Patrick Jenkins asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Sue Sorenson moved; Terrie Wierenga seconded.

3. Public comments: No comments or questions.

Board Business

4. Board Business:
   A. Consideration of FY 2021 Financial Audit – Glen Schmidt, Audit Committee Chair: The Audit Committee met with the auditors a few weeks ago; they did a thorough job on the audit. There were no issues and things were under or within budget. An auditor from Squire did an overview of the executive summary. The audit went well. The material reviewed presents fairly, which means the Board can rely on the information presented to make decisions. They did an audit of basic financial statements, federal programs, and state programs. They issued an unmodified or clean opinion (the best opinion you can get) for all three. Patrick Jenkins asked for a motion to assign funds from the fund balance. Glen Schmidt moved that 12.5 million from the fund balance be assigned for the new facility and other capital projects this year. Holly Broome-Hyer seconded. Vote unanimous.

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5. **CVTD Commemorating 30 Years of Service**

A. What was the vision for the transit district – Mike Arnold, Founding Board Member: In the late 1980s, the valley was looking at having UTA come up and run transit. It was voted down. A committee of citizens then went door to door to gauge support for service to be run locally. They were able to get it on Logan City’s ballot. The vote took place in 1990 and was supported with a 60 percent favorable vote. The committee of citizens wound up becoming the advisory board after the ballot passed. A tax to support the service started to be collected in 1991, which was then saved for a year to start service. This advisory board met two to three times a month before service began to decide on issues, including how many buses, where the buses would run, what buses to use, what colors to use for the logo, etc. as they waited for funds to accumulate. The advisory board didn’t know anything about running a bus, so they hired a general manager to run service who brought expertise to the process. That service began 30 years ago on April 27. When this first Board was envisioning what the service would be, each member was given a blank piece of paper to write what they thought the ideal bus system would be. Some of those ideals were fare free, clean buses, and courteous drivers. All those ideals came true, some even more so. Within five years, there was a million passenger boardings. After eight years of running, the county was put on the ballot and the District formed. The District has gone beyond anything the initial board envisioned, as evidenced by the awards received over the years. We’ve had individuals come from out of state who have praised this transit system. Cache Valley Transit District is a crown jewel of Cache County.

B. A look back at 30 years of service – Todd Beutler, CEO/General Manager: There have been a lot of ways the District has changed and evolved over the years. There have been multiple types of buses used (from buses less suited to public transit to ones designed for public transit). The facilities have also grown and evolved over the years (first starting as a storage shed). Routes have grown and changed, starting with only three fixed routes and one paratransit route. Now there are 15 fixed routes with paratransit service, 1 bi-directional route, and 1 commuter route. The District is also just short of 42 million trips in 30 years overall (serving a population of about 120,000). These numbers show how things have changed through the years, but can’t show what is important, which is the people. The heartbeat of the system is the people—those who use the system, the employees, and the community. At the end of the day, this is the community’s system.

C. Recognition of previous Board Members – Shaun Bushman: The Board of Trustees is large for a board with 19 total board members (currently). Current board members: Patrick Jenkins, Holly Broome-Hyer, Shaun Bushman, Terrie Wierenga, Ron Bushman, Paul James, Glen Schmidt, Mike Arnold, David Geary, Bob Christensen, Mary Barrus, Lieren Hansen, Sue Sorenson, Abraham Verdoes,
Cecelia Benson, Jeff Turley, Gregory Shannon, Jeannie Simmonds and Lyle Lundberg. Many who served love transit and want to make it better. There have been over fifty board members since the District formed: Craig Wright, Elaine Thatcher, Bruce Lee, Ron Natali, Lloyd Berentzen, Roger Jones, Dean Quayle, Heidi Harper, Rodger Pond, Norman Larsen, Erik Ashcroft, Amber Sleight, Sallie Petersen, Rich Anderson, Patricia Cronin, Doug Thompson, Joy Reyes, Tom Hogan, Ron Hornsby, Alma Leonhardt, Ron June, Fred Hunsaker, Shaun Dustin, Aaron Dickey, Diane Bush, Mark Daines, Steve Pierson, Mike Petersen, Robert Bates, Kris Gregory, Alden Erickson, Philip Utykanski, Mike Law, Larry Dunkley, Clayne Lietchy, Lori Selby, Richard Heiliger, Lee McDonald, Dean Hurd, James Skidmore, Mike Yancey, Paul James, Aaron Dickey, Mary Ann Warren, Lisa Leishman, Dale Huffaker, Helen Roth, Terry Moore, Jerry Mathison, Cinthia Pronte, Cecelia Crow, and Nancy Roth.

D. Video dignitary congratulations: Videos from elected officials, Congressman Burgess Owens, Congressman Chris Stewart, Congressman Blake Moore, and Senator Mitt Romney, offering their congratulations on celebrating 30 years were shown.

E. What are the future destinations of CVTD – Patrick Jenkins, Board Chair: It might seem weird to present an audit at a 30th anniversary celebration; what it says is that the organization is steered with checks and balances. It can be challenging to balance efficiency and effectiveness. The District takes the use of tax dollars seriously. Patrick has a 23-year-old neighbor named Timmy Budge who uses the bus. He was born premature and it left him with permanent disabilities that impact his fine motor skills; he can’t drive, so he rides transit to go to work and school. He is typical Cache Valley stock who believes he should earn his keep. He is self-sufficient, even though he has every excuse not to be. The Cache Valley Transit District provides him the opportunity to add and contribute to a high quality of life. And that’s what the District does by connecting people to the places and people that matter to them. We’re laying the groundwork for a much bigger future, building on a foundation created by those who came before. New changes are coming: a new building is being built to protect assets so they last longer; technology is being deployed to help riders get where they want to go and to capture data to make routes more effective; and a flexible service method is being launched in the fall. There is a day in the not too distant future, where it will be easier for people to use public transit. The groundwork for that day is being laid right now. Thanks to all those who have served and those who will. It’s an exciting future ahead.

6. **Adjourn:** Board Chair Patrick Jenkins adjourned the meeting.

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