PRESENTER: Deronda Lallatin, Bryan Nelson, Ron Smith, Jim Jerome, Blaine Huffman, Peggy Molnar, Angie Jones, Karin Barntish

Flag Salute
No members of the public present.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 9, 2018 were read. Jim made a motion to approve, Peggy seconded, passed unan.

ODOT/RLS AUDIT
The review is now closed. The recommendations and corrections have been completed.

SDAO BOARD PRACTICE ASSESSMENT
The BPA had been emailed to all Board members previously for their review. From the recommendations, the Board may choose to do an annual written evaluation on the Supervisor’s position.

REDMOND TRANSIT HUB
The new transit center is now open in Redmond. It is suitable for our buses and they can park there. Cascades East will adjust their schedule to meet our schedule. They haven’t said if they will charge us to use the center. Our buses will only be at the Redmond station for 6 minutes for passengers to load/unload 3 days a week. Bend Transit charges us $1,200 per year to use their station. Our drivers are there up to 5 hours, 3 days a week. The drivers have access to the lounge, etc.

BUS ROADEO – Sept. in Salem – cancelled

STIF COMMITTEE MEETING (met earlier today at 11:00)
Plan Top Priorities:
1. Deviated route – JD/CC all day long and 3 times a day to PC and MV
2. Additional Staff – admin support and driving
3. Expand operating hours – including Saturday
4. Weekly Intercity Route to Ontario
5. Weekly Shopper Shuttle to/from Dayville
6. Bus Shelter Expansion Project
7. Seasonal Recreation Shuttles
8. Expanding Bus Fleet

Applications for use of STIF Discretionary Grants was discussed:
- Transit operations software/hardware
- Land improvements/building demolition
- Potential John Day to Ontario route
1% of the STIF funds have to address the 9 – 12 grades and we already are meeting that requirement with student transportation services currently provided (and will continue to provide).

Peggy made a motion to accept the recommendations as made by the STIF Committee and move forward with planning the Deviated Route with a start date for the route some time after January 1, 2019. Bryan seconded. Passed unan.
GOBHI REVIEW – MEDICAID CONTRACT
  Dan Schwanz, Director of GOBHI, looked at the files, documentation of driver training, performance review form, driver skills, etc. He also reviewed the District’s Drug and Alcohol Policy. It was reported that everything was in good order, perhaps influenced a bit, after consumption of Angie’s wonderful cinnamon rolls.

VEHICLE ISSUES
  Bus #19 – DEF heater went out.
  Bus #17 – Fuel modulator chip went out and it had to be towed from Blue Mtn Hospital to Frontier Motors.
  Bus #20 – DEF system. Under warranty.
  Bus #21 – DEF system. Under warranty. Next week this one will go to Fossil to Wright Chevrolet. It also needs a bumper repair. A driver backed into the lowered tailgate of a parked pickup.

DRIVER EMPLOYMENT LISTING
  A part-time driver position has been listed with the Employment office.

STIF SURVEY
  There were 51 responses. They came back with the same 3 top priorities as recommended by the STIF Committee, acknowledging the full list of 9 priorities.

BEND TO BURNS TO ONTARIO ROUTE
  Angie was contact about if the GCTD would be interested in taking on a new route. ODOT operates PAC Transportation. The route covers Bend to Burns to Ontario on Highway 20 daily. They take a 21 passenger bus. ODOT doesn’t want to compete with public transportation providers. It would cover 945 miles a day and drivers would have to change midway. If we took it over it would have to run from John Day to Ontario, back to John Day, then Burns, then Bend, Burns and return to John Day. Angie will look into the logistics.

Next meeting October 11, 2018