

# TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSIT BOARD MEETING

## APRIL 29, 2014 MINUTES

Present: Directors; Steve Chamblin; Gary Strack; Dennis Garton; Bob Williams; and Robert Schmid.  
Absent: Director Robert Christison. Also present: Gary Antone, Executive Director and Barbara O’Keeffe, Deputy Director.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 8:27 a.m. by Chairman Chamblin.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Director Motion by Director Strack, second by Director Williams to approve the February 25, 2014 minutes. Motion carried 5-0 with 1 absent.
5. **REGULAR ITEMS:**

1. **TRAX Pilot Routes - Route Test Runs and Fare Grace Period:** Barbara O’Keeffe presented an update regarding the TRAX test route and discuss fare grace period. There are three pilots identified during the unmet needs process. Express route service to RTR, connection for Tehama County residents to Chico, via the Glenn ride in Orland and the direct services to Shasta College. The free grace period is a common practice by the Transit Agency Board Commission to offer a free grace period for proposed services. This would allow riders to access the service for one to two months without cost and for us a good promotional opportunity.

The RTR service would be express service. A meeting was held at RTR with good attendance discussing routes, and service proposed for one day per week. Paratransit has done extensive work to insure we have an opportunity to connect with Corning routes at Gyle Road which is important due to the connection to Chico, allowing RTR to connect to the Corning bus and possibly continue to Chico. May and June is planned for RTR to ride and learn the existing system.

Staff is working with the RTR committee to discuss advanced reservations for Wednesday through Friday service to determine the best days for transit services. Based on a survey and discussed at the RTR meeting, there would be no Monday service.

Fred Casey, resident of RTR read a letter from Lupe Green of RTR regarding transportation issues:

- Proposed Fees versus Flat Fee
- Insurance for the project and the need
- RTR Association must sign a contract for service

Gary Antone replied that the RTR route is a single route with no stops, going directly to that population for service. Any other route the buses travel have many stops during their routes. Secondly, the fee will be examined and has not been set at this point. The insurance issue is due to the private roads the bus will service in the RTR area. All roads are private, whereas

the bus currently serves the public on county owned roads. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) would be used and again, this would allow us to be on the property/private roads of RTR.

Commissioner Williams reminded those present that the discounts available for seniors and disabled are still in effect for this service.

Barbara O’Keeffe continued by identifying two other pilot transit routes identified during the unmet transit needs process. The opportunity to connect our county to Chico and the Bus and Ride to Shasta College.

**2. Public Hearing to Receive Comments and Approve Proposed TRAX Fare Increases:**

THIS ITEM WAS POSTPONED UNTIL JUNE, 2014 MEETING

Motion by Director Garton, second by Director Williams to postpone this item for June 2014 meeting. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

**3. Adopt Resolution No. 02-2014, Tehama County TDA Funds Financial Statements as of June 30, 2013:** Motion by Director Williams, second by Director Garton to adopt Resolution 02-2014 Tehama County TDA Funds Financial Statements as of June 30, 2013. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

**4. Approve Claims:** Motion by Director Williams, second by Director Garton to approve the February 2014 thru March 2014 claims in the amount of \$214,855.14. Motion carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

**5. Adjourn:** With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m.