

AMES TRANSIT AGENCY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AMES, IOWA

February 22, 2013

The Ames Transit Agency Board of Trustees met February 22, 2013 via conference call at 11:55 a.m. President Anders called the meeting to order at 11:58 a.m. Trustees in attendance were Anders, Schainker, Leines, Rediske, and Wacha. Absent: Trustee Madden.

ISU MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT – INTERMODAL FIBER ENHANCEMENT: Director Kyras explained that the Transit Board was not able to take action on this item at the February 14, 2013 transit board meeting due to a lack of quorum. She further stated that the attached Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was between Iowa State University and CyRide/City of Ames for the enhancement of the Intermodal facility by installing a fiber connection between Iowa State University's campus and the Intermodal facility. This enhancement will allow restroom and showers doors to be locked remotely and opened at specific times as well as additional doors within the terminal and bus garage. Fire, elevator, and intrusion alarms along with prepay machines will also be connected directly to the ISU's Campus Police to alert them if there is trouble.

One additional enhancement is also included in the MOA adding a water meter in the Executive Express garage that accurately records water usage so that utility billings to the carrier can be accomplished. Total cost for the enhancement is \$74,300.

Director Kyras reviewed the remaining dollars in the Intermodal Facility Grant. Director Kyras shared with the Transit Board that she had received a phone call from the Federal Transit Administration last week indicating they preferred the money for art be spent on something else other than the artwork, as the new transit bill does not include an art in transit program. As a result of that conversation, Director Kyras spoke with Trustees Madden and Schainker and a decision was made to not move forward with the art piece. However, Director Kyras received a phone call from the FTA just prior to this meeting and the FTA reversed this decision and again is strongly encouraging funding be spent to place artwork at the facility.

Director Kyras stated that the only resolution to being able to purchase a piece of art in such a short period-of-time before the grant expires is to purchase a piece from Iowa State University, which is located by Morrill Hall and titled "Power Tennis". Iowa State's loan for this art piece will expire in April and it will be returned to the artist; however it could be purchased and placed at the Intermodal Facility. The parties involved will need to negotiate the price and move it to the Intermodal Facility. The Transit Board has previously approved up to \$30,000 to be spent on the art piece and is this funding

amount is reflected in the grant balance, leaving \$9,500 in the grant. It is Director Kyras' understanding that this piece of artwork could cost up to \$40,000, which could result in the possibility of reducing CyRide's reimbursement of its time spent on the project in order to purchase the piece.

Trustee Schainker asked if there was an annual operating cost for the fiber project or, if this cost was included in the price of \$74,300. Director Kyras believes there is some cost and that it is not include in the operating budget, but that it is not as much as if/when camera's are added to the fiber connection. She further explained that the current camera system is what they call a closed system where the cameras record and if there is an incident, Campus Police need to view the video at the facility. The cameras could be connected to the Campus Police in the future, but this comes with a substantial monthly cost of 22 cameras at \$40 each.

Trustee Schainker made a motion to adopt Alternative #1, assuming there is no ongoing cost, approving the Iowa State University Memorandum of Agreement for completion of the Fiber Enhancement project for a not-to-exceed total of \$74,300.00, subject to approval by the City of Ames legal counsel. Motion was seconded by Trustee Rediske. (Ayes: Five. Nays: None.) Motion carried.

No action is required on the artwork since it is not on the agenda, but Director Kyras asked for direction from the board on how the Director should proceed. Director Kyras will need to write a justification to the Federal Transit Administration to purchase the artwork since it is a sole source procurement from the artist. The FTA will have to approve the sole source procurement and proceed with negotiation with the artist on the purchase price to make sure it is within the budget. Director Kyras asked for direction as to whether the Transit Board feels comfortable with moving forward with the purchase in light of the new FTA information since the decision last week with Trustees Madden and Schainker was that the Transit Board not move forward.

President Anders approves with proceeding with the sole source purchase and having some piece of artwork at the facility since the pad is already placed at the facility. Director Kyras said the first step is to get the Federal Transit Administration concurrence. Trustee Wacha agreed on the consensus of this purchase as did the remaining board members.

Transit board meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Robert Anders, President

Joanne Van Dyke, Recording Secretary