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| MINUTES OF: | Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees |
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| DATE: | Tuesday, March 28th, 2023, 9:00 a.m. |
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| BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: | Alyson Beridon, Tony Brice, Chelsea Clark, Dan Driehaus, Trent Emeneker, Blake Ethridge, Robert Harris, Kreg Keesee, Pete Metz, Gwen Robinson, KZ Smith, and Sonja Taylor |
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| BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: | Jay Bedi, Allen Freeman, Rod Hinton, Robert Harris and Sara Sheets |
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| STAFF MEMBERS: | Andy Aiello, John Edmondson, Pat Giblin, Adriene Hairston, Darryl Haley, Brandy Jones, Maria Jones, Natalie Krusling, Pat Lafleur, Jeff Mundstock, John Ravasio, Ruth Reed, Jason Roe, Kevin Ruth, Shannel Satterfield, August Schweitzer, Khaled Shammout, and Tara Walker |
| LEGAL COUNSEL: | Kimberly Schafer (Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP) |
| GUEST/PUBLIC  PRESENT: |  |

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Keesee SORTA Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**OATH OF OFFICE:** **JAY BEDI, ANTHONY “TONY” BRICE JR., PETE METZ, AND KAZAVA “KZ” SMITH**

Anthony “Tony” Brice Jr., Pete Metz, And Kazava “KZ” Smith took an Oath of Office as new members of SORTA Board of Trustees executed by Kimberly Schafer, SORTA’s legal counsel.

Jay Bedi was unable to attend.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Jessica Scully, citizen submitted a public comment via email. Mr. Keesee read Ms. Scully’s email as followed:

“I am a lifelong Cincinnatian . . . a graduate of UC . . . with a seventeen-year career as a UC accountant. I raised my daughter here as a single mother. I attend Mass, lunches, concerts, and citywide events. I have lived a very active life despite the rare genetic disorder that placed me in this chair decades ago. And while my career eventually allowed me the luxury of a van, before this option, I relied entirely upon SORTA. Public transportation for the disabled is extremely important. Without the bus system, having an independent life with a career, as a single mother, participating in our community . . . none of it would have been possible. My productive tax paying life would have been replaced by a solitary shut in’s life. That is how important public transportation is for a disabled person. I have lived at the same address here in Hamilton County for almost 18 years. In that time, I have watched the bus routes contract away from me and any other disabled residents in our suburbs. If my van broke down and I had to get to a bus stop, today, I would have to run my chair down the side of almost two miles of hilly, winding roads without sidewalks in all kinds of weather. I read of the measures being taken to introduce additional rapid transit routes and the select introduction of Metro Now. We are fortunate to have an organization here that seeks to improve. I am asking however that you further consider the location and public transportation needs of your disabled community - which includes people from all age groups. Certainly, a lot of this data must exist within the county. Could the new funds allow the restoration of certain routes or expansion of others? Or is this an opportunity for Metro Now? Are we in your calculations in any significant way? Thank you for your time.”

**CHAIRMAN UPDATE**

None.

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 28TH, 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Keesee made a motion that the minutes from the February 28th, 2023, board meeting be approved as previously mailed and Mr. Driehaus seconded the motion.

By voice vote, the SORTA Board approved the minutes.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Keesee reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on March 21st, 2023, and there were no item(s) to present for Board approval.

**PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Keesee reported the Planning and Operations Committee meeting was held on March 21st, 2023 and there were item(s) to present for Board approval.

Mr. Keesee moved for adoption and Ms. Clark seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-20 through Resolution No. 2023-27 on the consent agenda. Mr. Ethridge recommended removing Resolution No. 2023-25 from the consent agenda, as there was an error in the resolution language and requested that it be updated post meeting.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the resolutions.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-20: APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION FOR CONTRACT NO. 47-2022 FOR OPENGOV E-PROCUREMENT SOFTWARE**

This resolution approves a modified five (5) year contract with OpenGov for additional software services, at a cost not to exceed 763,668, increasing the total contract value up to $985,868.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-21: APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION FOR CONTRACT NO. 91-2022 FOR PARATRANSIT VEHICLES**

This resolution approves a modified five (5) year contract with TESCO for installation of video surveillance equipment and Metro branding (vehicle wrapping), at a total cost not to exceed $411,936, increasing the total contract value up to $2,778,958.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-22: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. 100-2022 FOR RIGHT OF WAY APPRAISAL SERVICES**

This resolution approves a six-month contract with AECOM for right of way consultant services, at a total cost not to exceed $466,203.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-23: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. 02-2023 FOR A&E SERVICES FOR GOVERNMENT SQUARE REDESIGN**

This resolution approves a one (1) year contract with MSA Design for design services, at a total cost not to exceed $135,855.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-24: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. 09-2023 FOR PRESSURE WASHING SERVICES**

This resolution approves of a five (5) year contract with Roth Pressure Cleaning Services, Inc., for pressure washing services, at a total cost not to exceed $352,660.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-26: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. 50-2023 FOR NON-REVENUE SUPPORT VEHICLES**

This resolution approves a 1.75-year contract with Montrose Ford for the purchase of twenty (20) non-revenue vehicles, at a cost not to exceed $ 736,902.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-27: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. 62-2023 FOR TRANSIT MASTER SOFTWARE RENEWAL**

This resolutions approves a five (5) year contract with Trapeze/Vontas for software/hardware installation, at a cost not to exceed 2,789,298.

**DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEMS:**

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-25: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. 28-2023 FOR BUS WASHER INSTALLATION**

Mr. Keesee moved for adoption and Ethridge seconded the motion. This resolution approves a two (2) contract with Westmatic, Inc. for full bus washer systems replacement, at a cost not to exceed $1,998,740.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

**FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF FEBRUARY 28TH, 2023**

Mr. Pinkelton presented the February financial reports. Total revenues were $16.7 million, which is favorable to budget by $578,000. Total expenses were $10.9 million, which is favorable to budget by $1.2 million. Fare revenue was $1 million favorable to budget by $177,00k. Mr. Pinkelton then reviewed the contributing factors to these variances.

The SORTA Board accepted the report as presented.

**METRO ON THE MOVE REPORT**

Mr. Haley deferred his report; stating the information was available in the board packet.

**NEW BUSNIESS**

Mr. Keesee made a motion that the Board go into executive session as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) “*To consider appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee….*” and Ms. Beridon seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion by roll call vote and went into executive session at 9:40 a.m.

Mr. Keesee made a motion that the Committee return to regular session and Ms. Beridon seconded the motion. The Committee approved the motion and returned to regular session at 9:50 a.m.

**MOTION: APPROVAL OF CEO/GENERAL MANAGER CONTRACT EXTENSION**

Mr. Keesee moved for adoption and Ms. Beridon seconded the motion. The motion approves the CEO/General Manager/ Secretary-Treasurer (Darryl Haley) contract extension.

By voice vote, the Board approved the motion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 A.M.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees has been scheduled for

**April 25th, 2023, at 6:00 P.M**.

the SORTA/Metro Board Room, at 525 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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| APPROVED: | ATTESTED: |
| Kreg Keesee  Chair, SORTA Board | Darryl Haley  CEO/General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer |
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