PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT AREA BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE - ROOM 109

THURSDAY 6:00 P.M. JANUARY 29, 2004

Board members present: Kittitas County Commissioners Perry Huston, Bruce Coe; City of Ellensburg Mayor Ed Barry, Council member John Perrie; City of Kittitas representative Linda Huber; Larry Susich, City of Roslyn; Beth Marker, City of Cle Elum; Jim Devere, Mayor of South Cle Elum. Kittitas County Commissioner Max Golladay was absent.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Bruce Tabb, representing the Kittitas County Coordinated Transportation Council; Don Chartock, Special Needs Coordinator for the Washington State Department of Transportation; and approximately 15 members of the public.

At approximately 6:00 p.m., Chairman Perry Huston, opened the meeting of the Public Transportation Benefit Area Board. He reviewed discussions that he had with Chief Civil Prosecuting Attorney James Hurson, regarding the designation of a Special Needs PTBA. He said according to Mr. Hurson, the PTBA could pass either a Resolution or amend the Bylaws designating themselves a “Special Needs” Transportation Benefit Area Board.

Don Chartock, Special Needs Coordinator from the Washington State Department of Transportation, reviewed the process and explained the importance of having a specific plan for a specific service. He said there were State dollars available for special needs transportation, and the amounts depended on if it was a flexible route, the amount of demand and response service.

Chairman Huston asked for reports from the municipalities. The Ellensburg City Council authorized the PTBA, to designate themselves as a Special Needs Public Benefit Transportation Area Board, and to authorize them to hold the public hearings.

The Roslyn City Council agreed to the PTBA being re-designated as a Special Needs Public Transportation Benefit Area Board. He explained the City wanted to be sure public hearings were held in the Upper County, otherwise they would hold their own public hearings.
Mayor Devere said he would check with the South Cle Elum Council, but he agreed to the notion of holding public hearings in the Upper County, as well.

The Cle Elum City Council supported the Special Needs designation and supported the PTBA holding the public hearings.

The City of Kittitas authorized the Special Needs designation and supported the PTBA members holding the public hearings.

Chairman Huston agreed to hold at least one public hearing in the Upper County and one in the Lower County, so that all citizens have the opportunity of attending at least one hearing. Bruce Tabb said he had a couple of vans that were accessible and offered to pick up those citizens who needed transportation to get to the public hearings.

Beth Marker moved to direct staff to create a Resolution redesignating the Public Transportation Benefit Area Board to a Special Needs Public Transportation Benefit Area Board, and to request the County Deputy Prosecutor review the Resolution prior to the next meeting. Ed Barry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Huston moved to direct staff to work with himself, Bruce Tabb, Don Chartock from the Department of Transportation, and the City of Roslyn, to create sample public hearing notices for the Upper and Lower County, to be presented at the next meeting. Larry Susich seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Beth Marker noted there was some additional work that needed to be done prior to holding any public hearings. The target date to place the issue on a ballot was May. Bruce Tabb said he would be able to put together a work product by February 12th.

Bruce Coe moved to schedule another meeting with the Public Transportation Benefit Area Board, for Thursday February 19, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse. Jim Devere seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Ed Barry said he would not be able to attend the meeting on February 19th.

Bruce Tabb thanked everyone for their quick response.

Ed Barry moved to adjourn at 6:42 p.m. Larry Susich seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.
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CLERK OF THE BOARD

Julie A. Kjorsvik

SPECIAL NEEDS - PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT AREA BOARD

Perry D. Huston, Chairman