



Minutes

Agenda

Cowlitz Transit Authority

*Dennis Weber (Chair), Chet Makinster (Vice Chair),
Larry Alexander, Don Jensen, Jeffrey McAllister,
Anthony Harris (Nonvoting), Jim Hill (Alternate),
Arne Mortensen (Alternate), Mike Wallin (Alternate)*

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

4:00 PM

Longview Council Chambers
1525 Broadway St, Longview

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Weber called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Member Dennis Weber, Councilmember Chet Makinster, Member Larry Alexander, Mayor Don Jensen, Member Anthony Harris

Excused: Member Jeffrey McAllister

Staff Present:

Jeff Cameron, Public Works Director; Amy Asher, Transit Manager; Betsy DeSpain, Paratransit; Liz Halili, Administrative Assistant; Lisa Vertrees, Administrative Assistant

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None at this time.

4. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2019 MEETING**

A motion was made by Jensen, seconded by Makinster, to approve the minutes of February 13, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

19-00052 February 13, 2019 Minutes

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A motion was made by Jensen, seconded by Makinster, to accept the consent calendar in its entirety. The motion passed unanimously.

19-00056 Invoice - City of Kelso - March \$579.90

19-00057 Invoice - City of Longview - April \$315,928.33

19-00055 Invoice - Columbia Security - March \$621.00

19-00063 2019 January County Treasurer's Report

19-00064 2019 January Fund Balance Report

6. REPORTS

19-00058 2019 Annual Fixed Route Ridership

Asher reported on the request from the previous meeting regarding McKinney-Vinto student passes. Staff is looking at partner agencies that sell passes, school districts, etc. Staff is pulling together data to present to the Board at a future meeting.

19-00059 2019 February Fixed Route Ridership

19-00060 2019 February LIFT Ridership

19-00061 CTA Ridership Graph

19-00062 PTBA Sales Tax Data

7. FACILITIES UPDATE

Asher reported that staff has been busy with the move to the temporary Transit facility. The old Transit building will be used for a SWAT training exercise and then demo'd later this month. A groundbreaking ceremony is being planned for April.

8. MANAGER'S REPORT

- * Asher reported on ATU negotiations.
- * Staff attended a meeting in February with consultants to look at facilities, vehicle etc. needs over the next 5 years.
- * Asher attended the WSTA February meeting and spoke with the Chair of the House Transportation Committee regarding green and electric vehicles and I-976, which aims to repeal/reduce taxes and fees. This would have a large impact on the multi-modal fund, from which we receive \$200,000 per biennium. It would also have an impact on our non-profit regional partners. Staff will work with them to discuss the impacts.
- * Staff trained and graduated two new drivers. Two more drivers start training next week.
- * Staff is hoping to fill the Office Assistant position by mid-April.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Lisa Vertrees, Clerk of the Board

Dennis Weber, Chairman

