Brazos County Regional Mobility Authority Board Meeting Minutes October 25, 2023

Call to Order

A board meeting of the Brazos County Regional Mobility Authority (BCRMA) was held in the Brazos County Commissioner's Courtroom, 200 South Texas Avenue, Bryan, Texas, beginning at 10:31 a.m. on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, with the following Board members present: Barry Moore, Chair, Presiding; Dennis Christiansen, Vice Chair; Jason Bienski, Member; and Alan Munger, Member. The attached sheet contains the names of other citizens/officials that were in attendance.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

• Approval of Minutes from the November 28, 2022, RMA Board Meeting

Minutes from the November 28, 2022, Brazos County Regional Mobility Authority Board Meeting were considered for adoption. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Christiansen. The motion was seconded by Mr. Munger. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

• Adoption of FY 2024 RMA Operating Budget

Since the RMA is a political subdivision of Brazos County it must submit an annual budget each May. The RMA Secretary/Treasurer submitted a proposed budget that only includes funding for the FY 2023 audit. The contingency amount will be carryover funds from FY 2023 less the operating budget for FY 2024 so those funds will not be added until all expenses from FY 2023 have been accounted for. The Board will need to review, revise, and adopt the FY 2023 budget with the caveat to amend the contingency amount as provided by Brazos County. Mr. Munger made the motion to adopt the FY 2024 Operating Budget as proposed. The motion was seconded by Dr. Christiansen. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

• Review and Adopt Fiscal and Personnel Management Agreement between the RMA and Brazos County

The Fiscal and Personnel Management Agreement was drafted by Brazos County General Counsel. The purpose of the agreement is to allow Brazos County to serve as the fiscal and personnel agent for the organization. This agreement specifies the roles and responsibilities of both parties and allows the RMA to be considered a county subdivision for the purposes of benefits and other finance related cost savings. **Mr. Bienski made the motion to approve**

the Fiscal and Personnel Management Agreement with Brazos County. The motion was seconded by Dr. Christiansen. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Board Member Reports/Chairman's Reports

Dr. Christiansen – In the coming year, the RMA should work aggressively with their partners to identify the role and purpose of the RMA to justify the funds being used for the RMA. If there is a purpose, how does the RMA pursue that purpose. TxDOT Legal has informed the Board that the RMA cannot be inactive and made active at a later time. The RMA needs a revenue source; however, the referendum failed in part due to a lack of understanding of what an RMA can do. Until the RMA can show more positive results, it doesn't make sense to go back to an election. The RMA should make sure all of the partners are in sync with what the RMA is doing, that they are supportive of the RMA, and gather their input from these partners. Lastly, Dr. Christiansen offered to step aside as Vice Chair if there was someone who wanted to take on that role.

Mr. Moore – Going forward, it is important for the RMA Board to figure out how to show value to the community. Mr. Moore echoed what Dr. Christiansen said and agreed that a second referendum and request for funding does not make sense until the RMA can do that. Mr. Moore has had a number of conversations with the RMA's partners in the cities, county, and the system on the desire to move forward with the RMA. There is still spoken support across the board and the willingness to provide funding to keep the RMA on life support until a revenue source can be secured. Mr. Moore is open to suggestions on how that can be accomplished. Mr. Moore expressed his thanks for Dr. Christiansen's support, wisdom, and expertise.

Regular board meetings on the fourth Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. will be held on a quarterly basis beginning in January 2024.

• Adjourn

The next RMA Board meeting will be on January 24, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.



Brazos County Regional Mobility Authority

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