

LAKELAND AREA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2009

Directors:

Polk County Commissioner Sam Johnson (Chairman)
City of Lakeland Commissioner Jim Verplanck (Vice-Chairman)
City of Lakeland Commissioner Gow Fields (Secretary)
Polk County Commissioner Bob English
City of Lakeland Commissioner Glenn Higgins

Executive Director: Danny Ours
Attorney: Ben Darby
Executive Assistant: Aimee DeMasi

Call to Order

5:30 p.m. by Chairman Johnson

Roll Call

Present

Commissioner English
Commissioner Higgins
Commissioner Johnson
Commissioner Verplanck

Late Arrival

Commissioner Fields – 5:37 p.m.

(Exhibit 1)

Agenda Item #1 – FY 09-10 Millage Rate

Items discussed:

- Aggregate Rolled-Back Rate is .5583 mills which exceeds the District's allowed .5000 mills.
- Recommended rate of .5000 mills will provide the District with \$3,996,856.

Agenda Item #2 – Public Comments related to the FY 09-10 Millage Rate

No one from the Public addressed the Board at this time.

Agenda Item #3 – Adoption of FY 09-10 Millage Rate – Resolution #09-03

On a motion made by Commissioner Verplanck, and seconded by Commissioner Higgins:

“Approve Resolution #09-03 by roll call vote. This resolution includes a FY 09-10 Millage Rate of .5000, which is 6.26% lower than the Aggregate Rolled-Back Rate.” (Exhibit 2)

Commissioner Johnson opened the floor to public comments. There were no comments at this time. Commissioner Johnson closed the floor to public comments.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

Commissioner English	Yes
Commissioner Fields	Absent
Commissioner Higgins	Yes
Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Commissioner Verplanck	Yes

Items discussed:

- Resolution #09-03 was read in its entirety prior to the public comment period and vote.

Agenda Item #4 – FY 09-10 Budget

Items discussed:

- Reduction in Salaries and Wages of 7.5% compared to FY09 Budget; Increase of 3.8% compared to FY09 Forecast.
- Increase in Employee Benefits of 2.8% compared to FY09 Budget; Decrease of 6% compared to FY09 Forecast.
- Decrease in Fuel & Lubricants of 39% compared to FY09 Budget; Increase of 13.2% compared to FY09 Forecast.
- \$250,000 in capital expenses related to FDOT (50/50) identified grants.
- \$100,000 set aside from capital for Employee Computer Purchase Program.
- \$15,000 set aside for Employee Tuition Reimbursement Funds.
- Budgeted net reduction in operating reserves of \$570,083.

Agenda Item #5 – Public Comments related to the FY 09-10 Budget

No one from the Public addressed the Board at this time.

Agenda Item #6 – FY 09-10 Budget – Resolution #09-04

On a motion made by Commissioner Higgins, and seconded by Commissioner Verplanck:

“Approve Adoption of FY 09-10 Budget; approve Resolution #09-04 by Roll Call Vote.”
(Exhibit 3)

Commissioner Johnson opened the floor to public comments. There were no comments at this time. Commissioner Johnson closed the floor to public comments.

MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

Commissioner English	Yes
Commissioner Fields	No
Commissioner Higgins	Yes

Commissioner Johnson
Commissioner Verplanck

Yes
Yes

Items discussed:

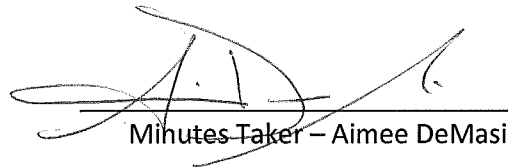
- There was no further discussion.

Adjournment

5:40 p.m.

Approved this 13th day of October, 2009.


Chair – Commissioner Sam Johnson


Minutes Taker – Aimee DeMasi

(Acronyms - Exhibit 4)