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### **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

#### **Regular Board Meeting of April 20, 2015**

#### **I. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order Vice Chairman Gerard Cruz at 4:40 p.m., at the GRTA Office in Upper Tumon.

#### **II. Roll Call:**

Members Ben Gumataotao, Gerard Cruz, Jason Cruz and Ginger Porter were present. A quorum was established.

#### **III. Public Comments:**

Lisa Ogo: Who spoke on behalf of Roy Rosario stated that he was picked up late. She mentioned that there is a new problem; the dispatchers are giving the drivers additional pickups when they are not even done picking up the already scheduled clients.

Lyn Tydingco: First requested to be able to record. Stated she will be resubmitting a letter in regard to the concerns of bus #1211. That after the oversight hearing 10 people boarded bus #1211 and there was no air-conditioning on the bus. She also said one rider fell down twice due to weak paneling on the floor.

Ed Davis: Mr. Davis wanted to congratulate Mr. Agustin on his presentation at the oversight hearing and hopes what was said did not fall on death ears.



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Amber Babauta: said that on the date of the hearing they were scheduled to be picked up, she called the dispatch office and there time had been rescheduled and they had missed it but said they were never even informed about any changes.

G. Porter stated that there is a federal policy and that all the drivers have been trained as well as the dispatch office that you can't change a para transit schedule without notifying the passenger. She said what may be failing is if the information got to the right people and that this is something GRTA should address.

R. Agustin asked for specific on any complaints made so they can be addressed properly.

R. Agustin asked Ron Dalisay to call Sanko now and immediately take out bus #1211 until further notice.

Lyn Tydingco thanked Mr. Agustin for taking that bus offline asked about the other buses being inspected and that she is waiting on feedback on that.

R. Agustin stated that R. Dalisay spent a week a Kloppenburg Enterprise in order to observe and report and the report would be forwarded her.

#### **IV. Approval for Minutes February 16, 2015**

G. Porter moved to approve the minutes for February 16, 2015, J. Cruz seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### **V. Executive Manager's Report**

##### Oversight Hearing

R. Agustin commented that not all the information was readily available for the oversight hearing and it took a lot of effort to get everything prepared. He explained that was why GRTA missed one point at the hearing on the issue of fares for 5 months. There was a transposition error. The following day it was corrected and the information was sent to the Senators at the hearing.

Mr. Agustin also commented that we need to understand the ridership psychology issue first and get it right before we spend more money on the transit system.

R. Agustin stated that GRTA has met with BBMR concerning the GRTA's short fall twice last week and they said they are looking for the money.

Mr. Agustin also mentioned that last week he met with the military to discuss the issue of trying to get the transit buses into the base, He said he knows of instances where people need to get dropped inside the base due to employment.



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B. Gumataotao commented that R. Agustin is doing a good job with very little money and that he is disappointed with Senator T. Ada and will speak with him more about

### **VI. Budget Report**

M. Abaya stated that the local funding that was appropriated for GRTA has come to an end. The last part will be used this May after that we will no longer have local monies left.

She also commented that she hopes the multi step bid will be announced and awarded as soon as possible so GRTA will be able to use the federal funding, because without the federal funds there will be no operation.

J. Cruz asked Mr. Agustin to make sure that the Governor's Office and the Legislature are copied on the email thread to the board; he said the MSB is not moving fast enough. He said he was trying to make sure there is a clear understanding between all the offices

M. Abaya said the budget we will be needed from June to September will be \$1,189,650.00.

### **VII. Old Business**

UOG Transportation Forum-

R. Agustin stated GRTA participated in the forum and it was well attended, He feels that it showed from the last forum to now it showed that there has been some significant progress.

Fest Pac

R. Agustin said that R. Cabana has been tasked by the front office to find an alternate location for the bus shelter down in Hagatna at the Chamorro Village, due to 20 small structures that will be built there so we need to find an alternate location for our passengers.

Transit Route Infrastructure Grant

Guam Rota Ferry System

R. Agustin said that K. Baltazar from Guam State Clearing house visited with region 9 on other matters but I had asked her to speak to FTA about this so they know GRTA will be looking forward to this.

Parking Meter at GMH

R. Agustin said that there may be difficulty with this and at this point is not an issue.



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### **VII. New Business**

#### Route Infrastructure Feasibility Study

R. Agustin stated that GRTA bus shelters need to be ADA compliant

#### VTCLI Part II

R. Agustin stated that this would allow us to buy buses to provide transportation into the military base.

#### Working Session

R. Agustin commented that the working session between employees and Staff will be on April 25, 2015 from 9am to 1pm.

#### DISID April Progress Report

Director Ben Servino gave a written report concerning the grant application. Please see board documents for the full report. The MOA is currently being finalized and will be submitted to the Attorney General's Office.

### **IX. Executive Session**

The board went into executive session and 6:00pm.

Meeting was reconvened at 6:29pm

B. Gumataotao moved to adjourn; motion was seconded by G. Porter. All voted in favor motion passed.

Adjourned at 6:29pm

Submitted by,

Tammy Bamba  
GRTA Board Secretary