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### **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

#### **Regular Board Meeting of February 16, 2015**

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

The meeting was called to order Chairwoman Louise Rivera at 4:30 p.m., at the GRTA Office in Upper Tumon.

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

Members Ben Gumataotao, member Louise Rivera, Andrew Tydingco, Jason Cruz and Ginger Porter were present. A quorum was established.

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

1. **Lyn Tydingco** commented she was promised a report today regarding bus inspections.

R. Agustin read a letter from Ms. Tydingco to the board he further stated that our legal counsel K. Espaldon advised that GRTA does not have the business of approving a bus to say it's safe because if they do and say its approved and something happens then we will get sued. We want to running buses and for our provider to say their mechanic looked at it and made it safe.

B. Gumataotao requested to see a copy of a safety contract between GRTA and the provider.

L. Tydingco stated that all she wanted was to be assured in writing that the buses were safe and is willing to assist GRTA if needed.

2. **Amber Babauta** had a complaint about the bus wipers and has been the wiper malfunction. She also stated that the schedulers make him ride the fixed routes when he is an unconditional rider.



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- Ms. Babauta also complained about the customer service of the scheduler Becky.
3. **Lisa Ogo** said we really need to raise the bus fares, and maybe that would add revenue to GRTA and make the bus service more reliable.
  4. **Roy Rosario** made a complaint about the air-conditioning system in the buses are not always working.
  5. **Lourdes Mendiola** wanted to comment that the transit buses are not allowed to go on the naval base and there is a community need for this and needs to be addressed.

T. Bamba stated that that this matter is already being looked into and the executive manager has already met with individuals from the military to find a resolution to this problem, this matter is still ongoing.

#### **IV. Approval for Minutes July 26, 2015**

This agenda item was tabled until the next meeting

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

R. Agustin reported that GRTA submitted the FTA Bus procurement to the Governor's Office, Guam State Clearinghouse and the Attorney General's Office for review.

GRTA has an urgent challenge, \$237,000.00 of FTA money for the maintenance facility; we need some real estate for the architects and engineers to give us drawings. We are looking for a site and I will be meeting with DPW to look into a warehouse.

R. Agustin commented that he is working with the new Director of Public Works and let him know we want to move forward with the plans in regard to the One Call One Click.

He also reported that Senator Tom Ada's Office requested four years of board meeting minutes; He said we will be going through our files trying to extract them. He plans to work closely with the committee chair so we will be able to help each other with what is needed.

Mr. Agustin mentioned that we are still working with the Air force as far as bringing riders on base. He said he was also contacted by Matrix who was hired by the governor regarding the Hagatna Restoration. GRTA needs to find a better terminal in Hagatna, right now there are problems with Chamorro Village.

He stated has not been much movement regarding the DISID resource Center, but I do plan to meet with Director Ben Servino and Herbert Johnson this month. Mr. Agustin also commented that he would like to have another working session with the board sometime in April.



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He said GRTA has not decided which design we would use so in the bid packet we showed a sample of a bus wrap so once we decide what we will use they will know what they design is.

He stated that GRTA is running out of time on both ARRA and FTA. Mr. Agustin met with certain staff members and discussed if the bus wrap is to be installed in the mainland and it will delay the equipment from getting here in order to spend our money by September 30 then we can have the wrap done here on Guam.

### **VI. Budget Report**

M. Abaya stated that as the Multi Step Bid (MSB) is announced then we may be able to use the federal funds. As long as they see we are moving towards our goal. Basically we don't have enough local funds the operation until the end of the Fiscal Year.

M. Abaya also commented that if we don't complete the MSB we will be in the red.

Ms. Abaya also stated that this morning she received a call from the buyer at General Service Agency (GSA), and was told they are packaging the MSB once its final they will be ready to announce it for bid. The buyer is on top of it and is rushing it. (See attached Budget report in full)

### **VII. Old Business**

R. Agustin explained that most of the items in old business were already covered in the executive manager's report which was agenda items 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7.

#### 4. ARRA Van Procurement FTA Bus

R. Agustin stated that GRTA spoke to BBMR regarding the bus specs and are requesting the money for it.

#### 5. Draft After action report

R. Agustin commented that this has gone to the Governor's office and has not been approved as of yet.

Once it is approved then the public will be able to have access to it via the website.

### **VIII. New Business**

1. UOG Transportation Forum- R. Agustin stated that he will be making a presentation at this event.

2. Support Services for veterans and families- This is in regard to my conversations I spoke of earlier regarding West Care.

3. Fest Pac- Impact on Transit- R. Agustin stated he has a meeting with Matrix regarding this matter.



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4. Transit Route Infrastructure Grant (Fund) - R. Agustin explained we have not analyzed where to have bus shelters and stops and whether the route is ADA compliant. He said DPW need to make sure the roads are compliant when building new ones.

5. Guam Rota Ferry System- This is a long term project but because we are the transit system on Guam the idea is that GRTA should be working with the CNMI transit agency and that how GRTA became involved in this discussion.

6. Chief of Staff –Parking Meter- R. Agustin mentioned that the Governors Chief of Staff wants parking meters all around Hagatna by 2016; he also commented that there will be a cost to it that we are not allowed in our budget at this time.

### **IX. Executive Session**

### **X. Adjournment**

A. Tydingco motioned to adjourn, and was seconded by G. Porter all members voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

Submitted by,

Tammy Bamba  
GRTA Board Secretary