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Minutes of  
Committee of the Whole

January 6, 1983

Directors Present: Michael W. Lewis, President (arr. 10:13 a)  
Ruth E. Richter, Vice-President  
Jan Hall (arrive 1:12 pm)  
Marvin L. Holen (arrive 1:12 pm)  
Thomas G. Neusom (arr. 10:10 am)  
Nick Patsaouras  
Jay B. Price (arrive 1:12 pm)  
Charles H. Storing (arrive 1:12 pm)  
Gordana Swanson (arr. 10:13 am)  
George Takei (arrive 1:12 pm)

Director Absent: Carl Meseck

Staff Present: John A. Dyer, General Manager  
Samuel M. Black  
Richard T. Powers  
Joe B. Scatchard  
John S. Wilkens  
David D. Dominguez  
Robert G. Williams  
Helen M. Bolen  
Gary Spivack  
Rhodona Thompson

Also Present: Members of the Public

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by  
Vice-President Richter.

Agenda Item No. 1

The Committee and members of staff went on a field  
inspection of the new San Fernando Valley facility  
(Division 8) returning to the Board Room at 1:12 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 2

Line Instructors from Divisions 1, 3, 6 and 15 were  
introduced to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 3

The Committee received the General Manager's report dated December 30, 1982 regarding Federal Legislative Update.

Barry Engelberg commented that the House and Senate have agreed and we now have new transit authorizing legislation which makes significant revisions to the Urban Mass Transportation Act and directly affects public transportation nation wide.

Barry Engelberg thanked Directors Holen and Patsaouras for their help in getting this piece of legislation passed.

Barry Engelberg and Roger Slagel reviewed the changes with regard to the various sections and how they will affect the District both in matching funds that will be required and on-going and future projects. There was considerable discussion on the cuts in funding and what can be done to compensate for lost funding.

Director Neusom asked if there was anything we could do to take advantage of funding that is presently available. General Manager Dyer commented that our bus replacement standard is presently 12 years and we needed to look at the standard and possibly consider reducing it to 10 years. Also, we will look at the rehabilitation of the divisions and see if we can accelerate the schedule.

Agenda Item No. 4

The Committee received a report concerning state legislation.

Janis Whirledge commented that all of our proposals have been taken to Sacramento and we have sponsors for most of our bills.

There was considerable discussion concerning the sponsorship of our bills. It was noted that we have approximately 14-16 pieces of legislation we are trying to get enacted and need all the support from the Senate we can get. General Manager Dyer commented that we need to get as many Senators working with the District so we are all working in the same direction to get the legislation passed to aid the District in its goals. Members of the Board were encouraged to keep in touch with representatives in their areas to let them know what we are doing and seeking their support for present and future projects.

Agenda Item No. 4 - Cont'd.

General Manager Dyer noted the importance of getting legislation concerning joint development passed this year so we can obtain the necessary money to aid in the metro rail project.

Director Hall expressed concern that the final bill would be the same as we presented and that we would not find any surprising changes in the bill.

Agenda Item No. 5

The Committee received the General Manager's report dated December 30, 1982 concerning Tier II State Legislative Proposals for 1983. General Manager Dyer briefly summarized the suggested policy statements on proposed state legislation indicating these are additional proposals staff would like to include in the 1983 state legislative program.

There was considerable discussion concerning jitney services and the need for some type of control over their operation. At the present time the PUC has control over any company that may wish to operate this type of service. Discussed was the type of control that could be exercised by the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission. Several Directors indicated that they did not like the idea of legislating District control of this type of service but felt that it was extremely important that there be a tighter control. Director Storing suggested that the county and city where these companies propose to operate approve the service within their jurisdiction thus controlling duplication of service.

The Committee felt that this piece of legislation was extremely important and that we need to move now rather than wait until it is completely out of hand. The Committee requested a report on the jitney service giving information on their fares, operation, meeting of California Highway Patrol safety standards and an overall view of how these systems actually function, so that we can quickly move forward on this legislation.

Discussion was held on supporting legislation for a state lottery which could benefit the public transportation industry. It was noted that we need to start looking now for funds to replace Proposition A money when it is no longer available. Director Storing noted that Senator Montoya has indicated he will introduce legislation for a state lottery for education. Director Holen suggested the District try to work together with education interests in passing legislation for a state lottery that would benefit both. A report was requested from staff giving more information on the amounts of money that the District could receive.

Agenda Item No. 5 - Cont'd.

The recommended legislation concerning liability was briefly discussed noting that this legislation would limit the amount of liability the District would be responsible for, requiring us to pay no more than our percentage of fault.

Agenda Item No. 6

The Committee received a status report from General Manager Dyer on the agreement between LACTC and the District concerning Proposition A. General Manager Dyer indicated we have been able to get most provisions requested and he will bring the MOU to the Board on January 13, 1983 for approval. He also commented that revenue from Proposition A is not as high as expected.

Agenda Item No. 7

The Committee received the General Manager's report dated December 30, 1982, a status report on Pomona Valley Transportation Study. Staff commented that we are on the time schedule originally set and moving forward.

The Committee "Received and Filed" the report.

Agenda Item No. 8

The Committee received the General Manager's report dated December 30, 1982, the status of Metro Rail Milestone No. 9 report. General Manager Dyer gave a brief summary noting that we can expect to receive more protests than we had originally anticipated.

Director Holen asked about the status of Union Station with General Manager Dyer commenting that the City and CalTrans are trying to arrive at a dollar figure, but at this time nothing has been resolved. He suggested that the District do nothing at the present time.

Agenda Item No. 9

The Committee received the General Manager's report dated January 5, 1983 concerning the schedule of public hearings for the Metro Rail Milestones 8 through 12. He noted that most of July will have to be devoted to hearings on the environmental process. He also commented that we can not file grant applications until we know what we are building.

The Committee concurred with the proposed dates.

Agenda Item No. 10

The Committee received the General Manager's report dated December 31, 1982 concerning the hedging program for diesel fuel for 1982. Director Richter commended Mr. Scatchard for his efforts in this program and the savings of funds for the District.

Mr. Scatchard commented that due to the hedging program it is felt that the District will be able to obtain a good fixed price contract on diesel fuel.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

  
Recording Secretary