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**COMET BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**November 10, 2014**

**Special Call Meeting**

**Members Present: Guest Present:**

**City of Columbia**  Ron Anderson Frannie Heizer, McNair Law Firm

Brian DeQuincey Newman Chuck Statler, Derrick, Stubbs and Stith

Derrick Huggins Jackie Bowers, Veolia Transportation

Larry Livingston, Veolia Transportation

**Forest Acres** Jake Broom

**Lexington County** Lill Mood

**Richland County** Mac Bennett

Jennifer Harding

Kelvin Washington

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Robert Morris

**Absent Board Members:**

Skip Jenkins

Debbie Summers **COMET Staff Present:**

John Furgess

Robert Schneider, Executive Director

\*Denotes Participation by Phone Missy Lawlor, Administrative Coordinator

Daphne Givens, Finance Manager

Brittany Higgins

Tiffany James

LeRoy DesChamps

Samuel Scheib

Virginia Goodson

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Brian DeQuincey Newman called the meeting to order at 11:36 AM.

1. **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

A quorum was present at the opening of the meeting.

1. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Lill Mood and seconded by Mc Bennett to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.**

1. **APPROVAL OF ROUTE 55X SANDHILLS**

**A motion was made by Lill Mood and seconded by Mac Bennett to approve Route 55x Sandhills.**

Discussion

Mac Bennett asked how many service hours is this going to add.

Ron Anderson stated that there is no additional equipment is going to be used for this service.

Kelvin Washington asked what the number of hours were that we previously ran.

Larry Livingston stated that he could pull that information.

Bob Schneider stated that we would run a total of 99 hours per week.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

1. **STATUS OF TITLE VI COMPLAINTS**

Frannie Heizer stated that they are continuing to work on the Title VI complaint from Ms. Jackson. Ms. Heizer also stated that Ms. Olson is working to interview some of the drivers. Ms. Heizer is asking the Board to approve a 30 day extension to complete the balance of all complaints.

**A motion was made by Kelvin Washington and seconded by Mac Bennett to approve the 30 day extension of the Title VI complaint of Ms. Jackson. Motion passed unanimously.**

1. **OLD BUSINESS**

Kelvin Washington asked for an update on the Public Hearing and rollout of the 2010 services.

Bob Schneider stated that the hearing will be noticed in the paper this weekend, the car cards will go on the buses in the next day or so and Tiffany will be reaching out to neighborhood associations. The public hearing is scheduled for November 24, 2014 from 6:00am until 9:00pm.

Kelvin Washington stated that we need to make sure that we schedule these around the county.

Bob Schneider stated that we will put a letter out this week.

Robert Morris asked if we are still on schedule to start the Sandhills service on November 17th.

Bob Schneider stated yes, we are.

Jennifer Harding stated that since we do not have a scheduled Board Meeting until December 3rd she want to mention that we are going to do cross promotion with famously Hot New Years. The idea is to the transportation of choice be the “Love Train”. Mrs. Harding wants to make sure that the Board agrees with this before we move forward.

Brian DeQuincey Newman stated to keep the Board in the loop of what is happening with this.

1. **ADJOURN**

**A motion was made by Jennifer Harding and seconded by Mac Bennett to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**

Chairman Brian DeQuincey Newman adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:48 am.