

Brazos County Regional Mobility Authority

Board Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2024

- **Call to Order**

A board meeting of the Brazos County Regional Mobility Authority (BCRMA) was held in the Brazos County Commissioner's Courtroom, 200 South Texas Avenue, Bryan, Texas, beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, with the following Board members present: Barry Moore, Chair, Presiding; Dennis Christiansen, Vice Chair, Veronica Morgan, Member; and Alan Munger, Member. The attached sheet contains the names of additional citizens/officials that were in attendance.

- **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

- **Approval of Minutes from the January 31, 2024, RMA Board Meeting**

Minutes from the January 31, 2024, Brazos County Regional Mobility Authority Board Meeting were considered for adoption. A revision to the minutes was requested on page two under Board Member Reports/Chairman's Report (line six) to change the wording from "find that real value creator the RMA can be" to "demonstrate the value of an RMA to the community." **A motion to approve the minutes with the requested revision was made by Dr. Christiansen. The motion was seconded by Mr. Munger. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.**

- **Adoption of FY 2025 Operating Budget**

There is only one line item in the FY 2025 operating budget and that is for an independent audit. Currently, the RMA is in the process of developing an RFP to try and get a lower cost; however, to follow Brazos County's budget calendar, the budget needs to be adopted with the caveat that a budget amendment may be needed at a later date.

A motion was made by Dr. Christiansen to approve the FY 2025 operating budget and amend the budget as necessary to cover the cost of the required RMA audit. The motion was seconded by Ms. Morgan. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- **Board Member Reports/Chairman's Reports**

Dr. Christiansen provided a strategy to move the RMA forward. There has been strong support from the RMA's partners and others and the RMA appreciates and recognizes that.

As the RMA lays out a path going forward, the Board is looking for financial support from those partners. It is incumbent on the RMA that we work closely with those partners to define the role of the RMA and what is it the RMA will do. In November 2022, voters defeated an initiative that would have funded the RMA using a vehicle registration fee. At that time and continuing today, a general consensus exists that until the RMA has demonstrated some positive accomplishments, it is not prudent to go back to the voters asking them to approve the same measure. Working with the partners, the RMA is prepared to initiate an effort to identify roles that the RMA could serve.

The original petition that was used to create the RMA was largely prepared by a committee comprised of Dan Rudge, Doug Bramwell, and myself. If this board is in general agreement, the same committee has expressed a willingness to take the lead in identifying possible roles for the RMA. What would that committee do? First, have an extensive series of meetings with our partners and involved people, which includes at a minimum, the county, the two cities, Texas A&M, and TxDOT, to put together a list of all the ideas that are out there of what roles the RMA could serve. The committee will take that input and add to it information on what those ideas would cost, what kind of agreements would need to be resolved, and what would the implementation time frames look like. The committee would then take the information back the partners they met with in in phase one to ask for their input on the initiatives and their prioritization. A number of the initiatives the RMA might pursue are going to require some kind of staff so after going back to the partners and working through the initiatives with the board, this is the kind of commitment support we need going forward and give them an opportunity to tell the board whether this is a good or bad deal.

This will involve an extensive series of meetings. The committee believes it can accomplish all of this in roughly a six month time frame and then come back to the board to give a report. Dr. Christiansen asked the board members to provide a list of people in their organizations that should be included in the initial meetings. If the board is in agreement, the committee is prepared to move forward quickly.

Although this is not an agenda item to be voted on, Mr. Moore gave his approval for the committee to move forward and offered any support he could give.

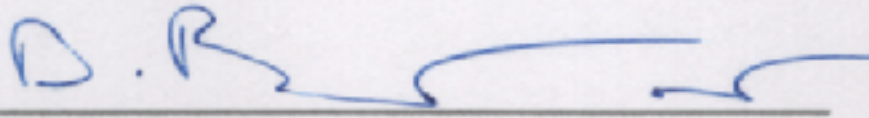
Ms. Morgan also concurred with the committee's strategy, and also offered her support.

Dr. Christiansen will let board members know when and where they will be meeting with representatives from their appointing agencies.

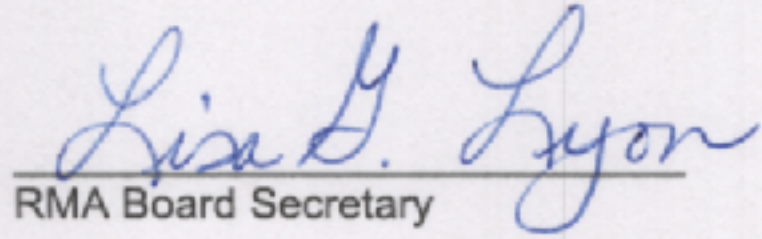
- **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

ATTEST:



RMA Board Chair or Vice-Chair
Brazos County Regional Mobility Authority



RMA Board Secretary

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Date