

**TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY**  
**Board of Directors**  
**March 11, 2020**

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The TANK Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at the TANK Offices at 3375 Madison Pike, Ft. Wright, KY 41017 by Mr. Brian Ellerman, Board Chair. Mr. Ellerman requested all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were: Mr. Brian Ellerman, Board Chair; Mr. Ed Kuehne, Vice-Chair; Mr. Tim Donoghue; Mr. Scott Guenther; Mr. Jim Parsons; Mrs. Gina Rittinger; Ms. Laura Thompson; Mr. Bill Voelker; Mr. Andrew Aiello, General Manager; Mr. Mike Duncan, Legal Counsel and Mrs. Nancye McClanahan, Executive Assistant/Board Secretary.

Absent from the meeting was Mr. Dave Sogar.

Mr. Ellerman asked for a motion to approve the February 12, 2020 and March 3, 2020 Board Minutes. *Mr. Ed Kuehne made a motion to accept the Board minutes of February 12, 2020 and March 3, 2020. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tim Donoghue. MOTION PASSED.*

**AUDIENCE RECOGNITION – Mr. Ellerman**

- Mr. Aiello reported a few weeks ago we celebrated the retirement of Mr. Greg Fillhardt and now the TANK Board would like to present to Greg a Resolution on his outstanding accomplishments. Mr. Fillhardt was an Operator for TANK for forty-six (46) years and for the last thirty-eight (38) consecutive years he had zero preventable accidents. Mr. Aiello said Mr. Fillhardt had a terrific attitude and will impossible to replace. He read the Resolution that was presented to Mr. Fillhardt and the Board members along with the audience gave him a standing ovation. Mr. Fillhardt thanked the Board for the Resolution and expressed his appreciation to his wife. Pictures were taken of the presentation.

**DRAFT FY 2021 BUDGET – Mr. Aiello**

- Mr. Aiello reported we have an *Action Item* relative to this Draft FY 2021 Budget. He indicated we did go over this in the Committee meetings we held last week. The goal tonight is to answer any additional questions the Board might have after having the information to review for a week. If approved, this Draft Budget will be sent to the three (3) County Fiscal Courts for their feedback.

*Mr. Parsons made the motion to approve the Draft FY 2021 Budget to submit to the 3 County Fiscal Courts. Mr. Voelker seconded the motion.*

Prior to the vote, Mr. Kuehne said he had attended some of the Public meetings with the TANK Staff and heard the Public comments. He indicated there have some changes to the Redesign Plan – please go back and read the changes. Certain things have been put

back in that were once concerns to the community. The changes will be good and this is a fair Budget for all.

Mr. Ellerman recommended that the Board only approve the FY21 budget expenses and revenues as shown – any potential changes to the county funding formula or multi-year funding would follow only after discussion with the Fiscal Courts.

Mr. Parsons agreed and said at this time we are only approving next year's Budget. Discussions will be had with the Counties as to how this will be implemented over the years to come – this is outside of the Budget process.

Mr. Guenther asked Mr. Aiello if he could confirm this is the same version Budget that was presented to the committees last week - Mr. Aiello confirmed.

Mr. Ellerman asked for further discussion and there was none. **MOTION PASSED.**

#### **PREVENTABLE ACCIDENTS – Mr. Lockman**

- Mr. Lockman distributed information to the Board members regarding *Preventable Accidents* for 2015 and 2019. (*See Enclosed*)

He said the first five to six years he was at TANK we averaged between 90 to 100 Preventable Accidents for the year. For the past couple of years we have been tracking around 70 to 80. Two years ago we had a record low of 64. We continue to push safety around here and on the road and our numbers are reflecting it. Mr. Lockman said the accident trends (years of service, types of accidents, locations, etc.) have been relatively consistent over the years.

Mr. Kuehne asked about the total number of miles TANK operates each month and Mr. Lockman said it is approximately 400,000 each month, which equates to about 5,000,000 each year.

Mr. Aiello added that this is Mr. Lockman's last Board meeting with us as he is retiring. He thanked him for service.

#### **GENERAL MANAGERS RERPOPT – Mr. Aiello**

- Mr. Aiello reported on the following:
  - Mr. Aiello reported the Staff has been working on the Draft Budget and he appreciates the Board's approval.
  - Mr. Aiello reported the Legislative session is moving along. We have working on the Toll Credit issue and the VW Settlement issue. He indicated he was in Frankfort today and said there is a little traction there. He feels there is a general

understanding by the House and the Senate that there needs to be some replacement for Toll Credits so we can import 40 million dollars of Federal funds into the State of Kentucky for public transit. He feels the message is resonating, but as you know, the next three to four weeks everything has to come together and the Budget must be balanced, published and approved. We are cautiously optimistic.

- Mr. Aiello reported we have all been following the changes with respect to COVID-19 and the Coronavirus. On our Facebook page and our website we have a Public response out there where we are disinfecting touch-points and drivers' areas each day. We have posted notices internally encouraging employees if they are sick to stay home but at the same time we are a critical service for the community and we will keep operating and following the guidelines from the CDC, Northern Kentucky Health District and from the State Health Department.

We check the guidelines multiple times a day. Things keep changing on a daily bases and will react accordingly. We have built an internal response team with varied responsibilities to tracking what is going on in terms of public information and guidance from State and Federal sources. We continue to monitor our own staffing levels as things progress and also on contingency planning. The team meets regularly to keep on top of it. We also communicate with our Bargaining Unit, ATU. They have been helping us communicate consistently to all of our employees. We will continue on and respond as needed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS – Mr. Ellerman**

- Mr. Ellerman asked if there was any Old Business and there was none.

#### **NEW BUSINESS - Mr. Ellerman**

- Mr. Ellerman reported about that next week is Transit Worker Appreciate Week. You are welcome to participate and thank the Operators for the essential work that they do.

#### **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT – Mr. Duncan**

- Mr. Duncan reported said he wanted to add to what Mr. Aiello said about Mr. Lockman. Mr. Duncan said he has been working on the TANK account in one capacity or another since 1984. Much of that time has been working on claims and litigation mostly through our self-insured retention. You all know how good Bob is with his contribution to increasing safety and reducing claims and accidents. Bob, with his East coast attitude, has been one heck of a negotiator and has saved a lot of money for TANK, the Counties, and the citizens of Northern Kentucky – he will be missed.
- Mr. Duncan informed the Board that former Board member Harry Riggs has recently passed away. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Mr. Ellerman requested a motion to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting. *Mr. Donoghue made the motion to adjourn the Board Meeting. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Voelker. MOTION PASSED.*

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted:**  
**Nancye McClanahan**  
**Executive Assistant/  
Board Secretary**

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**Brian Ellerman, Board Chair**

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