

1 **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**
2 **Cache Valley Transit District**
3 **Wednesday, April 27, 2022**
4 **5:45 pm**
5 **Riverwoods Conference Center**
6 **615 S Riverwoods Pkwy, Logan, Utah**
7 **Willow Room**

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10 *Present:* Patrick Jenkins, Holly Broome-Hyer, Shaun Bushman, Terrie Wierenga, Ron
11 Bushman, Paul James, Glen Schmidt, Mike Arnold, David Geary, Bob Christensen, Mary
12 Barrus, Lieren Hansen, Sue Sorenson, and Lyle Lundberg

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14 *Excused:* Abraham Verdoes, Cecelia Benson, Jeff Turley, Gregory Shannon, and Jeannie
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17 *Others:* Todd Beutler, Charise VanDyke, and Curtis Roberts

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19 **Regular Meeting Agenda**

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21 1. *Call to order:* Board Chair Patrick Jenkins
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23 2. Approval of Agenda: Patrick Jenkins asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Sue
24 Sorenson moved; Terrie Wierenga seconded.
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26 3. Public comments: No comments or questions.

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28 **Board Business**

29 **4. Board Business:**

- 30 A. Consideration of FY 2021 Financial Audit – Glen Schmidt, Audit Committee
31 Chair: The Audit Committee met with the auditors a few weeks ago; they did a
32 thorough job on the audit. There were no issues and things were under or within
33 budget. An auditor from Squire did an overview of the executive summary. The
34 audit went well. The material reviewed presents fairly, which means the Board
35 can rely on the information presented to make decisions. They did an audit of
36 basic financial statements, federal programs, and state programs. They issued an
37 unmodified or clean opinion (the best opinion you can get) for all three. Patrick
38 Jenkins asked for a motion to assign funds from the fund balance. Glen Schmidt
39 moved that 12.5 million from the fund balance be assigned for the new facility
40 and other capital projects this year. Holly Broome-Hyer seconded. Vote
41 unanimous.
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43 5. **CVTD Commemorating 30 Years of Service**

44 A. What was the vision for the transit district – Mike Arnold, Founding Board
45 Member: In the late 1980s, the valley was looking at having UTA come up and
46 run transit. It was voted down. A committee of citizens then went door to door to
47 gauge support for service to be run locally. They were able to get it on Logan
48 City’s ballot. The vote took place in 1990 and was supported with a 60 percent
49 favorable vote. The committee of citizens wound up becoming the advisory board
50 after the ballot passed. A tax to support the service started to be collected in 1991,
51 which was then saved for a year to start service. This advisory board met two to
52 three times a month before service began to decide on issues, including how many
53 buses, where the buses would run, what buses to use, what colors to use for the
54 logo, etc. as they waited for funds to accumulate. The advisory board didn’t know
55 anything about running a bus, so they hired a general manager to run service who
56 brought expertise to the process. That service began 30 years ago on April 27.
57 When this first Board was envisioning what the service would be, each member
58 was given a blank piece of paper to write what they thought the ideal bus system
59 would be. Some of those ideals were fare free, clean buses, and courteous drivers.
60 All those ideals came true, some even more so. Within five years, there was a
61 million passenger boardings. After eight years of running, the county was put on
62 the ballot and the District formed. The District has gone beyond anything the
63 initial board envisioned, as evidenced by the awards received over the years.
64 We’ve had individuals come from out of state who have praised this transit
65 system. Cache Valley Transit District is a crown jewel of Cache County.

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67 B. A look back at 30 years of service – Todd Beutler, CEO/General Manager: There
68 have been a lot of ways the District has changed and evolved over the years.
69 There have been multiple types of buses used (from buses less suited to public
70 transit to ones designed for public transit). The facilities have also grown and
71 evolved over the years (first starting as a storage shed). Routes have grown and
72 changed, starting with only three fixed routes and one paratransit route. Now there
73 are 15 fixed routes with paratransit service, 1 bi-directional route, and 1 commuter
74 route. The District is also just short of 42 million trips in 30 years overall (serving
75 a population of about 120,000). These numbers show how things have changed
76 through the years, but can’t show what is important, which is the people. The
77 heartbeat of the system is the people—those who use the system, the employees,
78 and the community. At the end of the day, this is the community’s system.

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80 C. Recognition of previous Board Members – Shaun Bushman: The Board of
81 Trustees is large for a board with 19 total board members (currently). Current
82 board members: Patrick Jenkins, Holly Broome-Hyer, Shaun Bushman, Terrie
83 Wierenga, Ron Bushman, Paul James, Glen Schmidt, Mike Arnold, David Geary,
84 Bob Christensen, Mary Barrus, Lieren Hansen, Sue Sorenson, Abraham Verdoes,

85 Cecelia Benson, Jeff Turley, Gregory Shannon, Jeannie Simmonds and Lyle
86 Lundberg. Many who served love transit and want to make it better. There have
87 been over fifty board members since the District formed: Craig Wright, Elaine
88 Thatcher, Bruce Lee, Ron Natali, Lloyd Berentzen, Roger Jones, Dean Quayle,
89 Heidi Harper, Rodger Pond, Norman Larsen, Erik Ashcroft, Amber Sleight, Sallie
90 Petersen, Rich Anderson, Patricia Cronin, Doug Thompson, Joy Reyes, Tom
91 Hogan, Ron Hornsby, Alma Leonhardt, Ron June, Fred Hunsaker, Shaun Dustin,
92 Aaron Dickey, Diane Bush, Mark Daines, Steve Pierson, Mike Petersen, Robert
93 Bates, Kris Gregory, Alden Erickson, Philip Utykanski, Mike Law, Larry
94 Dunkley, Clayne Lietchy, Lori Selby, Richard Heiliger, Lee McDonald, Dean
95 Hurd, James Skidmore, Mike Yancey, Paul James, Aaron Dickey, Mary Ann
96 Warren, Lisa Leishman, Dale Huffaker, Helen Roth, Terry Moore, Jerry
97 Mathison, Cinthia Pronte, Cecelia Crow, and Nancy Roth.

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99 D. Video dignitary congratulations: Videos from elected officials, Congressman
100 Burgess Owens, Congressman Chris Stewart, Congressman Blake Moore, and
101 Senator Mitt Romney, offering their congratulations on celebrating 30 years were
102 shown.

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104 E. What are the future destinations of CVTD – Patrick Jenkins, Board Chair: It
105 might seem weird to present an audit at a 30th anniversary celebration; what it
106 says is that the organization is steered with checks and balances. It can be
107 challenging to balance efficiency and effectiveness. The District takes the use of
108 tax dollars seriously. Patrick has a 23-year-old neighbor named Timmy Budge
109 who uses the bus. He was born premature and it left him with permanent
110 disabilities that impact his fine motor skills; he can't drive, so he rides transit to
111 go to work and school. He is typical Cache Valley stock who believes he should
112 earn his keep. He is self-sufficient, even though he has every excuse not to be.
113 The Cache Valley Transit District provides him the opportunity to add and
114 contribute to a high quality of life. And that's what the District does by
115 connecting people to the places and people that matter to them. We're laying the
116 groundwork for a much bigger future, building on a foundation created by those
117 who came before. New changes are coming: a new building is being built to
118 protect assets so they last longer; technology is being deployed to help riders get
119 where they want to go and to capture data to make routes more effective; and a
120 flexible service method is being launched in the fall. There is a day in the not too
121 distant future, where it will be easier for people to use public transit. The
122 groundwork for that day is being laid right now. Thanks to all those who have
123 served and those who will. It's an exciting future ahead.

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125 6. **Adjourn:** Board Chair Patrick Jenkins adjourned the meeting.