

Tillamook County Transportation District
Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, January 21, 2026 – 6:00PM
Transportation Building
3600 Third Street, Tillamook, OR
Meeting Minutes



1. **Call to Order:** Board Chair Bean called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call:**

Present

TCTD Board of Directors

Gary Hanenkrat, Director
Marni Johnston, Treasurer
Jonathan Bean, Chair
David McCall, Vice-Chair
Vern Ressler, Director
Nan Devlin, Secretary
Eric Sappington, Director

Absent

TCTD Board of Directors

None

TCTD Staff

Brian Vitulli, General Manager
Charlene Pech, Finance Supervisor
Michael Reed, Operations Superintendent
Keri Brown, Admin Assistant/Board Clerk

Guest

John Cline, Citizen

4. **Announcements and Changes to Agenda:** None

Motion Passed

By Chair Bean, Directors Ressler, Hanenkrat,
Sappington, Johnston, McCall, and Devlin

5. **Public & Guest Comments:**

John Cline made a public comment that GM Vitulli and OS Reed are making things better for the drivers with the new improvements they have implemented.

6. **Executive Session:** None.

STATE OF THE DISTRICT REPORT

- 7. Financial and Grant Report:** Financials for November 2025 are included in the Board packet pages 1-30.

Director Bean asked what the 41% column is in the financial report. FS Pech stated that is where we are in our budget cycle, so 41% was a number that was generated by the system.

- 8. Service Performance Reports:** Statistics for November 2025 are included in the Board packet pages 31-36.

Director McCall made a request for next month's service performance report, to add three columns to show: this year, last year and previous last two years for comparison since seven-day services have been reinstated. OS Reed stated that next month's Board meeting report will be for December 2025, so in July of 2026 we will have a true comparison for services that were cut in spring 2024.

- 9. Northwest Oregon Transit Alliance:** Updates for December 2025 are included in the Board packet pages 37-39.

- 10. NW Rides Brokerage:** Statistics for December 2025 are included in the Board packet page 40-42.

GM Vitulli stated that NEMT Brokerage Manager Juliene Deputy retired on Monday, January 12th. The position will be posted once the job description is updated and improved. FS Pech and GM Vitulli have been checking on Brokerage staff every day and they are doing a good job. We have reached out to CareOregon to let them know and will be working with them through the transition to hire a new manager.

- 11. General Manager Report:** Updates included in Board packet pages 43-48 (see GM Report in packet for details):

- a. **Administration/Coordination**
- b. **Planning Development**
- c. **Grant Funding**
- d. **Facility/Property Development**
- e. **Operations and Vehicle Maintenance**

Director Devlin asked GM Vitulli if he would be presenting or providing testimony during the short Legislative session. GM Vitulli stated that last Tuesday, January 13, 2026, he attended a hearing of the House Interim Committee on Transportation where the Committee was looking at three legislative concepts (LCs).

Director Hanenkrat commented that he saw that it was determined that the Governor could not repeal HB 3991. GM Vitulli stated that he had seen it too.

Director McCall stated that GM Vitulli was just elected President of the Oregon Transit Association and was also elected as the NWOTA President. Want to say from

experience, that it is always a difficult decision to take on additional responsibilities, as it can be a burden. Every time an organization's leader steps up to serve in a bigger capacity, it always benefits the organization. Thank you for doing the extra work and hopefully it will benefit this organization. GM Vitulli stated thank you and added that there are much larger transit organizations in the State, so it is a special recognition that the leader of this smaller, rural transit agency was selected to lead the statewide transit association. It is an honor and it is important for this region, and it is going to be great for this organization.

12. Miscellaneous

Director Bean stated that the phone system for the office needs to be updated to reach the right person. GM Vitulli stated we will be updating the phone to make it more user-friendly.

Director McCall pointed out that on page 51 of the December Board minutes, his last name was misspelled and that in the middle of the Budget Calendar on page 54, the budget year should be updated to 2026-2027.

CONSENT CALENDAR

13. Motion to Approve the Amended Minutes of December 17, 2025, Regular Board Meeting

14. Motion to Approve November 2025 Financial Statements

15. Motion to Approve the Amended TCTD FY 2026-27 Budget Calendar

16. Motion to Appoint GM Brian Vitulli as FY 2026-27 Budget Officer

Motion by Director Johnston to Accept and Approve the Consent Calendar as Presented with the Amended Minutes. Seconded by Director Devlin.

Motion Passed

By Chair Bean, Directors Ressler, Hanenkrat,
Sappington, Johnston, McCall, and Devlin

ACTION ITEMS

17. Resolution 26-01 In the Matter of Amending the TCTD Administrative Staffing Plan by Establishing a Brokerage NEMT Credentialing Specialist Position for NW Rides.

Motion by Director McCall to Approve Resolution 26-01 In the Matter of Amending the TCTD Administrative Staffing Plan by Establishing a Brokerage NEMT Credentialing Specialist Position for NW Rides. Seconded by Director Hanenkrat.

Motion Passed

By Chair Bean, Directors Ressler, Hanenkrat, Sappington, Johnston, McCall, and Devlin

18. Resolution 26-02 Authorizing the General Manager to Execute Amendment Number 3 to ODOT Grant Agreement Number 35328.

Motion by Director McCall to Approve Resolution 26-02 Authorizing the General Manager to Execute Amendment Number 3 to ODOT Grant Agreement Number 35328. Seconded by Director Devlin.

Motion Passed

By Chair Bean, Directors Ressler, Hanenkrat, Sappington, Johnston, McCall, and Devlin

DISCUSSION ITEMS

19. Staff Comments

General Manager Vitulli: Want to thank the Board for the support, it has been a challenging couple of years getting to this point. Excited for what the future is going to bring. Implementing the service improvements is a very big deal for the District and it could not have been done without OS Reed, FS Pech, OC Scott, Admin. Assistant Brown, Office Assistant Lewis, drivers, dispatchers, and mechanics. This was truly a team effort and there was an incredible amount of work that went into this. So, it is something that we should all be proud of and thankful for all of you. Great job!

GM Vitulli stated that after the 2026 SDAO Annual Conference in February, he would like to reengage with SDAO provide the required public meeting law training session, as Board members need to have one training during their term. Director Johnston stated that she did an online training session through SDAO, but it would still benefit to have the training session. Director McCall suggested that if the training session is done here, we might want to reach out to other special districts in the area to have them come do the training also.

Operations Superintendent Reed: Stated that he does not know of any other transit agency that has implemented their services back from COVID or post-COVID contractions in service. OS Reed stated that the District could not have any better news to share with the Board.

OS Reed stated that he is thankful to GM Vitulli that his leadership has been wonderful. It is great to have the OTA President here at this District and to bring a voice to rural transit in general.

OS Reed stated that this last week we just received two new Dial-A-Ride vehicles, brand new Ford Transits. We also have new intercity buses that are coming, have low floor replacement buses which are the two new trolley-replica buses. Thank you all for your support and to the staff and drivers it has been a long road.

Admin Assistant Brown: None.

Finance Supervisor Pech: Thanked Director McCall for pointing out how the Board is aware of the value to have GM Vitulli being the OTA Board President in our District. I have watched for about two and a half months how GM Vitulli and OS Reed are working together for the new service improvements. They are a great team to work with and I appreciate them.

20. Board of Directors' Comments

Dir. Hanenkrat: Stated that he appreciates the District going back to seven day a week service, which is what we are here for, to serve the public. Appreciate all the hard work that everyone has done.

Dir. Devlin: Stated that in 2024-2025 she served on the community planning meeting in Netarts. There were requests for more bus service.

Dir. Ressler: Stated that it is incredible that these seven-day services are back and that this community does need this service. He trusts in the Wave to get him back and forth for his appointments out of town. Thrilled to see it all coming together, so good job.

Dir. Sappington: Stated that he is honored to serve on the Board and be part of this community. Everything comes at him fast but taking it all in and with everything that is going on, it feels good.

Dir. Johnston: Stated that there is no way to measure the service that Jules Deputy provided for NW Rides but glad that she is enjoying retirement. Mary Johnson asked her to say hello to everyone and wish everyone well.

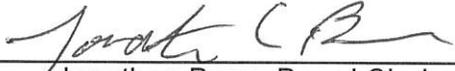
Dir. McCall: Stated that he was going about on a typical Saturday, then saw someone by the bus shelter and thought someone was messing with it. Thinking he caught a vandal, he drove up to the bus stop and saw that it was OS Reed in regular clothes and his own vehicle hanging the new schedules to prepare for the service change on Sunday, January 18, 2026. Stated that it is important to see that TCTD has been nominated for the Chamber's Business of the Year, and to say that we are sitting here with someone else who has been nominated as Citizen of the Year, Director Eric Sappington.

Chair Bean: None.

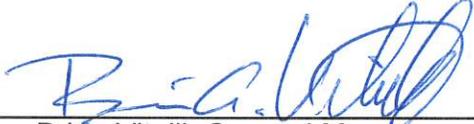
21. Adjournment: Board Chair Bean adjourned the meeting at 6:56pm.

These minutes were approved on this 18th of February 2026.

ATTEST:



Jonathan Bean, Board Chair



Brian Vitulli, General Manager