

River Valley Metro Mass Transit District
June 27, 2023
Metro Centre, 1137 E 5000 North Road, Bourbonnais IL 60914
Board of Director Meeting Minutes

Chairman Argyelan called the regular monthly River Valley Metro Board of Directors meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

Attending Board Members: Chairman Mark Argyelan, Vice-Chairman Jerry Pearce, Treasurer Nick Allen, Board Members: Norman Grimsley, Ron Jackson, and David Hinderliter. Absent: Secretary Kelly St. Aubin.

Staff Members Present: Managing Director Siron Sims, Project Manager Cortney Koning, Director of Administration Mandy Taylor, Director of Operations Michelle Brutlag, Facilities Director Tim Goodman, Transit Officer Tobe Fulford, COO Ken Munjoy

Others Present: Jermaine Davis – First Transit, National Express G.M. Lashanda Brown Smith, Carole Franke

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Michelle Brutlag

Public with Business to Come Before the Board:

None

Consent Agenda: Norm Grimsley made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Nick Allen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken of those in attendance, with all in favor. Consent agenda approved

Communications:

Chairman's Report: Great job to all for the Ribbon Cutting event. We had a terrific turn-out of public officials and other interested people.

Managing Director's Report: Siron Sims

Thanks to all for help in putting together the Ribbon Cutting event. It was very well done.

Operations Report: Jermaine Davis

Davis reported there are 36 operators fully trained and in service. There is currently 1 in training. National Transit has scheduled 12 people to begin training on 7/17.

Ken Munjoy reported the May ridership for 2023 was 50,786, compared to 2022 which was 40,011, a 27% increase. Year to date ridership for 2023 is 499,798, compared to 2022 of 410,460. We will finish FY23 approximately 21% (96,000 rides) up from FY22 and 6% (30,000 rides) up from FY21, when all rides were free.

Complaints/Comments: Michelle Brutlag

We had 9 complaints (4 valid) in the last month. CCS and transit officers provided 140 rides.

Board Report:

Nick Allen stated that the Ribbon Cutting event was great and that the new facility is very nice.

New Business: FY23 Audit

David Hinderliter made a motion, seconded by Jerry Pearce, to engage the auditors and a cost of approximately \$15,000. Motion was unanimously approved.

Old Business: Maintenance Facility

The design and engineering process has been completed. TRIA removed some features to reduce costs. The project went back out to two bidders. PSI's bid dropped from \$8.8 Million to \$8,660,422. David Hinderliter asked if IDOT will accept the new bid. Siron Sims responded yes, that IDOT is already involved. Norm Grimsley made a motion, seconded by Nick Allen, to accept PSI's new bid for this project. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Operating Contract

First Transit's last day is June 30. National Express G.M. Lashanda Brown Smith is already on site. Jermaine Davis will be Safety Manager and Kevin Holiday will be Operations Manager.

Questions from the news media:

None

Other Business to come Before the Board:

None

Executive Session

David Hinderliter made a motion, seconded by Norm Grimsley, to go into Executive Session at 8:24 AM. Motion passed unanimously.

Norm Grimsley made a motion, seconded by Nick Allen, to adjourn Executive Session at 8:54 AM. Motion passed unanimously. Regular Session resumed at 8:55 AM.

Adjournment

Jerry Pearce made a motion to adjourn at 8:56 AM. Motion was seconded by Norm Grimsley and passed unanimously in a voice vote.