

**River Valley Metro Mass Transit District**  
**October 24, 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 (video). 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, COO Ken Munjoy

**Others Present:** National Express G.M. Lashanda Brown Smith

**Pledge of Allegiance led by:** Ken Munjoy

**Public with Business to Come Before the Board:** None

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

**Communications:**

**Chairman's Report:** None

**Managing Director's Report: Siron Sims**

Board officer nominations are due in November

Our sick leave policy is OK for now. There may be legislative changes in the near future.

An RFP is out for our planning study and closes on November 1.

New Flyer buses are going into production in early November and we should have 1 or 2 delivered by the end of the year.

Siron Sims, Tim Goodman, Cortney Koning, and David Hinderliter attended the APTA Transform Conference in Orlando. This opportunity to meet directly with multiple vendors was very beneficial.

**Operations Report:** LaShanda Brown Smith

There are 51 operators with 47 active. 2 operators are in BTW training. New driver classes will be held once a month.

Ken Munjoy reported the September ridership for 2023 was 50,786, compared to 46,412 in 2022. September trips were 87% of pre-COVID. Midway exceeded 600 weekly rides for 4 consecutive weeks.

**Complaints/Comments:** Michelle Brutlag

We had 11 complaints in the last month. Five were valid. We also had 1 compliment. CCS and transit officers provided 111 rides.

**Board Report:**

Norm Grimsley asked if we have been contacted regarding any of the hydrogen project funding that was recently announced by Gov. Pritzker. We have not.

**New Business**

Kankakee Metro Centre L.D.'s

L.D. of \$20,000 was sent by TRIA to Apex for signatures, then will be sent to IDOT.

**Old Business**

Maintenance Facility

We have received final approval from IDOT and have a Letter of Intent. Contract will be signed soon, and PSI is ready to start.

David Hinderliter recognized the work done by Siron and Cortney to get this process completed.

**Questions from the news media:** None

**Other Business to come Before the Board:** None

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjournment**

Jerry Pearce made a motion to adjourn at 8:36 AM. Motion was seconded by Norm Grimsley and passed unanimously in a voice vote.