

River Valley Metro Mass Transit District
November 28, 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 8:01 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, Facilities Director Tim Goodman, COO Ken Munjoy, Transit Officer Tobe Fulford

Others Present: National Express G.M. Lashanda Brown Smith, National Express Marissa Bastie

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Lashanda Brown Smith

Public with Business to Come Before the Board: None

Consent Agenda: Jerry Pearce 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: Thank you for the turkeys!

Managing Director's Report: Siron Sims

The annual Dugan Family Fill the Bus Toy Drive is this Saturday. Santa will be riding our buses that day and we have made arrangements for him to visit the toy drive location.

We have been nominated for the annual Kankakee County Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit Business of the Year. The awards dinner is tomorrow night at Quality Inn. We have a table reserved if any board members would like to attend.

We have had discussions regarding the possibility of including hydrogen fuel cell buses in our fleet. We plan to apply for 2024 Lo-No grants when available. We will need 35' buses.

Operations Report: LaShanda Brown Smith

There are 52 operators with 1 more in training. New driver classes will be held once a month. National Express's Customer Success Director, Marissa, is here this week.

Ken Munjoy reported the October ridership for 2023 was 52,673, compared to 45,908 in 2022.

Complaints/Comments: Michelle Brutlag

We had 7 complaints in the last month. Four were valid. CCS and transit officers provided 113 rides.

Board Report:

Norm Grimsley reported that an ex-board member recently used our Midway service and commented on the humorous driver and the enjoyable ride.

New Business

Board Elections

Norm Grimsley made a motion to keep all officers in their current positions. Seconded by Jerry Pearce and passed unanimously.

Old Business

Maintenance Facility

The contract is signed and the change order for the date has been received. Pre-construction meeting is this Friday. The parts room and Ron's office have been cleaned out. Special thanks to Ron Johnson and Vanessa Garcia for getting this done so quickly.

Questions from the news media: None

Other Business to come Before the Board: None

Executive Session:

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

Norm Grimsley made a motion to return to Regular Session at 8:32 AM. Seconded by David Hinderliter and passed unanimously.

Norm Grimsley made a motion to accept discussion from the Executive Session. Seconded by David Hinderliter and passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Jerry Pearce made a motion to adjourn at 8:32 AM. Motion was seconded by Norm Grimsley and passed unanimously in a voice vote.