

River Valley Metro Mass Transit District
January 23, 2024
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, and David Hinderliter. Absent: Secretary Kelly St. Aubin and Ron Jackson.

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, Transit Officer Tobe Fulford

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Mark Argyelan

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: Mark Argyelan

Mr. Argyelan met with Rep. Jonathon Jackson. Rep. Jackson was very supportive of what we do and asked that we let him know if we need anything.

Mr. Argyelan and Mr. Sims will be meeting with Rep. Kelly on Friday.

Managing Director's Report: Siron Sims

The FTA Procurement Workshop will be held at the end of February. Mandy and Cortney will be attending. The Triennial Workshop is in March and will be attended by Mandy and Michelle. Both workshops will be held in Chicago.

The APTA Board Member Conference will be held in San Jose July 13 – 16.

Operations Report: LaShanda Brown Smith

There are 48 active operators with 3 more in training.

Ken Munjoy reported the November ridership for 2023 was 49,687, compared to 42,031 in 2022. December ridership for 2023 was 47,673, compared to 40,747 in 2022. TYD through December, ridership is up 14.7% from prior year.

Complaints/Comments: No report

Board Report:

Nick Allen commented that it reflects well on our organization that Mr. Sims attended the recent meeting regarding the issue of unplanned busloads of migrants being dropped off in Kankakee County and told that they were in Chicago.

David Hinderliter thanked the team for their efforts to keep the system running well during recent extremely cold conditions. He also asked if we have had any involvement with the Gotion project in Manteno. Yes, we have committed to a bus stop and shelter in their parking lot when they are ready. This is the same accommodation that was available when the Kmart distribution center was located there.

General discussion that the Transit Officers do a very nice job of stopping problems before they start, creating a sense of safety for our passengers.

New Business

FTA Triennial Review

The Recipient Information Request (RIR) is due February 29. We do not yet have a review date.

FY23 Audit

We do not yet have the audit results from our accountants and need to consider changing firms due to this tardiness. We may need a special board meeting to approve the audit so that it can be submitted.

Old Business

Maintenance Facility

The project is underway. The contractor has started first on work that needs to be done in the existing building.

Vehicles

Two New Flyers arrived in December and one in January. One more is yet to come.

IDOT announced that there is a new CVP contract. We will be able to order new ADA and Super Medium Duty buses with this contract.

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 8:30 AM. Motion was seconded by Norm Grimsley and passed unanimously in a voice vote.