

**River Valley Metro Mass Transit District**  
**March 26, 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: Ron Jackson, Norm Grimsley, and David Hinderliter. Absent: Secretary Kelly St. Aubin.

**Staff Members Present:** Managing Director Siron Sims, Director of Administration Mandy Taylor, Project Manager Cortney Koning, 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:** Tobe Fulford

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

**Consent Agenda:** Nick Allen made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Jerry Pearce 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

Happy to see progress on our new maintenance facility project.

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

Our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration will be held at the Elks Country Club on Saturday evening, July 27. Save the Date cards are going out soon. The event will be combined with our Safety Banquet.

**Operations Report:** LaShanda Brown Smith

There are 55 active operators with 2 more in training.

Ken Munjoy reported the February ridership for 2024 was 44,448, compared to 41,270 in 2023. YTD ridership this year is 397,610 and was 357,285 last year.

**Complaints/Comments:** Michelle Brutlag

There were 4 complaints in the last month. 3 of these were valid. Our ADA drivers received 3 compliments. CCS and Transit Officers provided 74 rides.

**Board Report:**

Nick Allen commended the team for fiscal soundness, especially when compared to some other transit agencies that are facing a “fiscal cliff”.

**New Business**

FY25 Apportionments

We have received a partial apportionment from the FTA of \$1.1 million. The remainder should come later. State total is \$8,978,000. Both amounts are up from last year. We also received \$611,000 in STIC funding, which is results driven.

**Old Business**

Maintenance Facility

Our parking lot is being torn up for infrastructure. Storm sewer is about 75% done, and work is continuing on sanitary sewer and water main. The project is moving quickly, and the contractor provides good communication to Cortney. Thanks to Chappel Steel for allowing us to park on their property and to CBI for moving containers.

**Questions from the news media:** None

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

**Executive Session:**

None

**Adjournment**

Norm Grimsley made a motion to adjourn at 8:17 AM. Motion was seconded by Jerry Pearce and passed unanimously in a voice vote.