

River Valley Metro Mass Transit District
April 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: 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: David Hinderliter

Public with Business to Come Before the Board: None

Consent Agenda: David Hinderliter 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

Mayor Nugent from Manteno expressed his appreciation for the service that we provide to the Manteno area.

Managing Director's Report: Siron Sims

Our 25th Anniversary celebration will be held at the Elks Country Club on Saturday evening, July 27.

Operations Report: LaShanda Brown Smith

There are 56 operators with 3 on personal leave. National Express's recruiter has been very helpful.

Ken Munjoy reported the March ridership for 2024 was 48,918, compared to 47,215 in 2023. There were 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays this year, and only 4 of each last year. We expect to hit the 14 million ride mark on Tuesday, April 30.

Complaints/Comments: Michelle Brutlag

There were 7 complaints in the last month. 4 of these were valid. CCS and Transit Officers provided 38 rides. 1 compliment was received for Drew Hanson, facilities, for helping a Midway commuter with parking questions.

Board Report:

David Hinderliter commented that APTA recently hosted a webinar regarding Driver Assault issues and that he is happy that this has not been an issue here. Having Transit Officers visible at our transfer centers and on routes is serving as a deterrent.

Norm Grimsley heard a radio program on WTTW about programs for passengers during extreme heat, with some communities continually setting new heat records. It is helpful that we offer free rides whenever the heat index is 100 or above.

New Business

APTA Board Member Seminar

Board members need to let Siron know if they are planning to attend so that hotel reservations can be made in the conference hotel. So far, board members Mark Argyelan, Ron Jackson, David Hinderliter, and Nick Allen plan to attend.

Old Business

Maintenance Facility

Thanks to all for off-site parking. Cortney Koning reported that this project is on schedule and the foundation is being poured now. The contractor and sub-contractors work hard and are very efficient. They have found a number of unexpected gas lines, power lines, and water mains. The new facility should be operational by Spring 2025, assuming the delivery of bus lifts does not stall the project.

FTA Full-Year Apportionment

The full apportionment is \$2,933,000, up approximately \$40,000 from last year. Issues related to Manteno's designation as an urbanized area due to the 2020

census results have not been resolved. For now, there is no change in funding. Siron Sims was recently in D.C. and spoke with Representatives LaHood, Kelly, and Jackson, and with someone in Sen. Durbin's office regarding this issue.

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 8:38 AM. Motion was seconded by Norm Grimsley and passed unanimously in a voice vote.