

River Valley Metro August 27, 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, and David Hinderliter. Absent: Secretary Kelly St. Aubin.

Staff Members Present: Managing Director Siron Sims, Director of Administration Mandy Taylor, Director of Operations Michelle Brutlag, Facilities Director Tim Goodman, COO Ken Munjoy, Transit Officer Tobe Fulford

Others Present: Aroma Park Trustee Kenny Blake

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Jerry Pearce

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

The APTA conference for transit board members was very beneficial. Mr. Argyelan was pleased that one of the take-aways was that boards should not interfere with transit operations since that has been the philosophy here. One recommendation is that we have an annual board retreat. Mr. Allen, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Hinderliter all agreed that the conference was beneficial and thanked River Valley metro for sending them.

Managing Director's Report: Siron Sims

Bus #1805 was destroyed by fire. The cause of the fire is not yet certain, but appears to have been caused by an electrical issue with an air conditioning wiring pigtail. Maintenance will check all other similar buses to make sure that this problem does not occur with other vehicles.

Bus #1501 lost an engine. Three bids were obtained, and an engine has been ordered from Jasper.

Aroma Park Mayor Stump has asked Trustee Kenny Blake to take the board seat formerly occupied by Norman Grimsley.

Kelly St. Aubin, representing Manteno Township, plans to resign from our board due to her work schedule.

Operations Report: Ken Munjoy

Ken Munjoy reported that June ridership for 2024 was 49,132, compared to 49,064 in 2023. July ridership for 2024 was 55,413, compared to 49,166 in 2023. Fixed route and ADA rides were 25 cents in July as part of our 25th Anniversary celebration.

FY 24 finished 8.7% up from FY 23, representing significant ridership growth since FY 23 was up 21% from FY 22.

Complaints/Comments: Michelle Brutlag

There were 26 complaints in the last month. 10 of these were valid. CCS and Transit Officers provided 166 rides. We received 2 compliments.

Board Report:

The new maintenance facility is looking very nice.

New Business

Triennial Review Report

There were 6 findings (out of a possible 700). DBE findings were fixed after the last triennial, but the rules/standards have changed again. Two of the findings were more relevant to the MPO. The FTA was very pleased with our results.

Awards

Jerry Pearce was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award as a Thank You for all of the time and experience that he continues to devote to River Valley Metro.

Norman Grimsley's Lifetime Achievement Award was also presented. Norm's award was planned months ago, but he unfortunately passed away before it was presented.

Old Business

Maintenance Facility

IDOT approved the use of Sourcewell for the purchase of our bus lifts, but did not tell us. The required checklist has been submitted and we are still waiting for IDOT legal to sign off.

The project is going very well. The brick is already going up. PSI has been great to work with.

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 8:32 AM. Motion was seconded by Nick Allen and passed unanimously in a voice vote.