

River Valley Metro November 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 8:01 AM.

Attending Board Members: Chairman Mark Argyelan, Vice-Chairman Jerry Pearce, Treasurer Nick Allen, Board Members: Ron Jackson, David Hinderliter, Kenny Blake. Absent: Secretary Kelly St. Aubin.

Staff Members Present: Managing Director Siron Sims, Director of Operations Michelle Brutlag, Facilities Director Tim Goodman, Project Manager Cortney Koning, COO Ken Munjoy, MPD Tobe Fulford

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Kenny Blake

Public with Business to Come Before the Board: None

Consent Agenda: Kenny Blake made a motion to approve the consent agenda. David Hinderliter 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
None

Managing Director's Report: Siron Sims
Thanksgiving turkeys for employees and board members are available for pickup.

Operations Report: Lashanda Brown Smith
We have 59 operators. A new class with 2 people will begin on December 9.

Ken Munjoy reported that October ridership this year was 59,039, compared to 52,673 last year. Year-to-date ridership is up 8.5% from last year.

Complaints/Comments: Michelle Brutlag

There were 14 complaints in the last month, 6 of which were valid. CCS and Transit Officers provided 175 rides. We received 3 compliments.

Board Report:

David Hinderliter discussed the “fiscal cliff” that the RTA is facing and how that is separate from funding for downstate public transportation.

Mark Argyelan noted the excellent condition of our bus stops and congratulated Tim Goodman and the Facilities Maintenance team for doing a great job.

New Business

Operating Contract

Lashanda Brown Smith has been promoted. She has been splitting her time between here and her new location until a suitable replacement could be found. The current managing director of the public transportation system in Pensacola Florida has accepted the position and will be here soon.

Old Business

Maintenance Facility

Progress has slowed due to a few issues. Three of the lift frames are here. The 4th will be here in early January. The contractor has rearranged the order of projects so that work can continue while we are waiting for the lift frame.

Work on the parking lot is behind schedule, but progress is now being made and we have been told that it will still be completed this year.

The new maintenance facility should be ready for use by early Spring.

Questions from the news media: None

Other Business to come Before the Board:

The annual Dugan Family Fill the Bus event will be held on December 7.

Executive Session:

Kenny Blake made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:36 AM. Motion was seconded by Jerry Pearce and passed unanimously in a roll call vote.

Jerry Pearce made a motion to move out of Executive Session back into Regular Session at 8:40 PM. Motion was seconded by Nick Allen and passed unanimously in a roll call vote.

Adjournment

Jerry Pearce made a motion to adjourn at 8:41 AM. Motion was seconded by Kenny Blake and passed unanimously in a voice vote.