

River Valley Metro January 28, 2025
Metro Centre, 1137 E 5000 North Road, Bourbonnais IL 60914
Board of Director Meeting Minutes

Vice-Chairman Pearce called the regular monthly River Valley Metro Board of Directors meeting to order at 8:02 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 Administration Mandy Taylor, Director of Operations Michelle Brutlag, Facilities Director Tim Goodman, Project Manager Cortney Koning, COO Ken Munjoy, MPD Tobe Fulford

Others Present: We Drive U G.M. Lashanda Brown Smith, We Drive U G.M. Rodriques Kimbrough

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Nick Allen

Public with Business to Come Before the Board: None

Consent Agenda: David Hinderliter made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Nick Allen 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

Mandy Taylor will be attending Drug and Alcohol training in Kansas City.

Siron Sims will be attending the APTA CEO Seminar in San Antonio.

We are providing lunch (pizza) for the entire team tomorrow as a thank you for all of the extra effort during recent bitterly cold and snowy weather conditions.

Operations Report: Lashanda Brown Smith

We have 57 operators. A new class with 1 person will begin on February 3.

Introduced We Drive U's new GM for this location, Rodriques Kimbrough.

Ken Munjoy reported that November ridership this year was 49,725, compared to 49,687 last year. December ridership this year was 48,332, compared to 47,673 last year. Year-to-date through the first half of the fiscal year, ridership is up 6.0% from last year and is at 91% of pre-COVID level.

Complaints/Comments: Michelle Brutlag

There were only 15 complaints in the last 2 months. CCS and Transit Officers provided 229 rides.

Board Report:

None

New Business

DBE Policy

Mandy, Michelle, and Cortney spent many hours researching and working through details to update our DBE policy. Kenny Blake made a motion to approve the new policy. Motion was seconded by Mark Argyelan and approved unanimously in a roll call vote.

FY24 Audit

There were no findings in our audit. One language change was made. Chairman Argyelan congratulated Mandy, Siron, and the team for the extremely clean audit. Nick Allen made a motion to accept the audit results. Motion was seconded by Kenny Blake and approved unanimously in a roll call vote.

FY26 Partial Apportionment

Partial federal apportionment through March is \$1.3 million. Total year should be just over \$3 million.

IDOT is expected to be \$8.9 million, the same as the last few years.

Old Business

Maintenance Facility

The last lift frame has been installed. This allowed the rest of the floor to be poured, which will allow more overhead work to be done.

The new maintenance facility should be ready for use by June 30.

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 Nick Allen and passed unanimously in a voice vote.