

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE
ROCK ISLAND COUNTY METROPOLITAN MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT**

February 10, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at MetroLINK's Administrative Office in Moline, Illinois at 1:00 PM via in-person, telephone conference or video conference with Chairperson Baecke presiding. The Chairperson asked the Recording Secretary to call the roll of the Board Members.

Trustees Present via teleconference
or videoconference

Robert Baecke – East Moline
Berlinda Tyler-Jamison – Rock Island
Maria Ontiveros - Moline
Melinda Thorngren – Silvis
Dave Krouth – Milan

Trustees Absent/Excused

Others Present

Jeff Nelson – General Manager
Colleen Kasbohm – Director of Finance
Chelsey Hohensee – Manager of Operations
Jim Tuttle – Systems Administrator
Devon White – Information Systems Coordinator
Greg Meldrum – IT Technician
Tanner Osing – Transportation Planner
Barb Springer – Recording Secretary
Roger Strandlund – MetroLINK Legal Counsel

Public with Business Before the Board

None

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Ontiveros made a motion, with Trustee Krouth seconding, that the Minutes of the January 27, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting be approved. There being no discussion the Chairperson called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting "Aye", and the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Communications

Mr. Nelson reported on our media exposure for the use of our buses as warming stations for multiple fire departments' use in recent weeks during large fires to shelter and warm the fire fighters during the extreme cold.

Reports of Officers, Committees, and the General Manager

Mr. Nelson reported that the majority of our workforce has received their second vaccine. Through a federal mandate it is now required that all passengers are to wear masks on public transit. Metro will be distributing 1,000 more "safe rider" packets in the near future. Ridership is increasing since our region has now moved into Phase 4. Mr. Nelson commended the great job the maintenance workers and operators have done in their diligent efforts during the recent bad weather we have been experiencing.

On the federal level a Covid bill is in the works, as well as a reauthorization bill. On the state level the governor will announce his budget next week. IDOT is currently working on our operating grant. The triennial review will be held this spring and summer and will be 100% virtual. The next APTA event will be the virtual Marketing & Communications Workshop at which Mrs. Hirsch will be a presenter. Preparations are being made for the upcoming Channel Cat season. A project is in the works to create a narrative series on the Channel Cat website.

Old Business

Personnel – Mr. Nelson will be following up on dates to be set for the collective bargaining agreement with the operators.

New Business

FY2020 Treasurer’s Report – Trustee Krouth made a motion, with Trustee Tyler-Jamison seconding, to approve the publication of the FY2020 Annual Treasurer’s Report. After discussion a roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting “Aye”, and Chairman Baecke declared the motion carried.

Resolution 2021-07 for Submittal of an FTA Public Transportation COVID-19 Research Demonstration Program Grant – Trustee Tyler-Jamison made a motion, with Trustee Thorngren seconding, to approve Resolution 2021-07 and the TRAMS submittal of an FTA Public Transportation COVID-19 Research Demonstration Program Grant at an amount up to \$525,000 (\$400,000 FTA, \$125,000 local) to assess our cybersecurity readiness and develop a cyber resilience assessment tool. After discussion a roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting “Aye”, and Chairman Baecke declared the motion carried.

Other Business

None

Adjourn

At 1:37 PM Chairperson Baecke entertained a motion to adjourn. Trustee Tyler-Jamison made the motion to adjourn.

Barbara Springer, Recording Secretary

Robert J. Baecke, Chairperson

Maria Ontiveros, Secretary /Treasurer