

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

March 10, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, March 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

Others Present

Jeff Nelson – General Manager
Jennifer Hirsch – Manager of Administration
Colleen Kasbohm – Director of Finance
Heather Allen – Senior Accountant
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

Trustees Absent/Excused

Public with Business Before the Board

None

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Ontiveros made a motion, with Trustee Krouth seconding, that the Minutes of the February 24, 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 Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Communications

None

Reports of Officers, Committees, and the General Manager

STS is partnering with both Community Health Care and Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging to provide vaccine trips to homebound seniors. Under capital projects, receiving the Rebuild IL Grant now allows for the purchase of more electric and CNG buses. The IL DNR approval of the ferry dock project at John Deere Commons will allow staff to finalize environmental review, and the Moline City Council approved the IGA at their council meeting last night.

February and March state operating reimbursements have been received. Also FEMA will now be at 100% funding reimbursement for two grants for reimbursement of eligible COVID related expenses.

An employee sharing partnership with the Martin Luther King Center is under consideration. This is similar to our partnership with the YMCA and the Florencia neighborhood to help expand our outreach and serve as a liaison between residents and MetroLINK.

The House is voting today on a COVID relief bill, The American Rescue Plan, which would help to sustain MetroLINK for another 18-24 months. A reminder that the APTA Mobility Conference is March 16-18 if any board member is interested in attending.

Old Business

Personnel

None

New Business

Issuance of a Public Notice for Construction of a Passenger Ferryboat Terminal at the John Deere Commons Landing in Moline – Trustee Tyler-Jamison made a motion, with Trustee Ontiveros seconding, to publish a public notice of the Invitation for Bid (IFB) for the construction of a Passenger Ferryboat Terminal at the John Deere Commons Landing in Moline and to proceed with the issuance of the IFB package to identify responsive and responsible bidders. After discussion a roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting “Aye”, and Chairperson Baecke declared the motion carried.

Revised CAD/AVL System Award Recommendation – Trustee Krouth made a motion, with Trustee Thorngren seconding, to revise its initial contract award to Clever Devices for the acquisition of a computer-aided dispatch and automated vehicle location system (CAD/AVL) by an additional \$265,329 for a total cost of up to \$3,299,998. Also to approve issuance of subsequent purchase orders for additional equipment, software or associated project needs as identified based on the pricing listed within the Board memo throughout the duration of the five (5) year initial contract. After discussion a roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting “Aye”, and Chairperson Baecke declared the motion carried.

Consideration of Collective Bargaining Agreement – ATU Local 313/Transit Operators - Trustee Krouth made a motion, with Trustee Tyler-Jamison seconding, to approve the Transit Operator Collective Bargaining Agreement between ATU Local 313 and MetroLINK for the period March 1, 2021 – February 28, 2025. After discussion a roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting “Aye”, and Chairperson Baecke declared the motion carried.

Other Business

None

Adjourn

At 1:28 PM Chairperson Baecke entertained a motion to adjourn. Trustee Krouth made the motion to adjourn.

Barbara Springer, Recording Secretary

Robert J. Baecke, Chairperson

Maria Ontiveros, Secretary /Treasurer