

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

April 14, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, April 14, 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
Greg Meldrum – IT Technician
Tanner Osing – Transportation Planner
Josh Hatler – Project 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 March 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 most Trustees voting "Aye", with Trustee Tyler-Jamison abstaining. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Communications

None

Reports of Officers, Committees, and the General Manager

The Microtransit service has expanded to Rock Island and Moline to give residents access to vaccine appointments at the Camden Center in Milan. Mr. Nelson will be a participant in a Region 7 roundtable discussion next week discussing how to help get people to vaccine appointments. He reported on current capital projects: bids on the John Deere ferry boat dock are due next week; proposals have been received to evaluate for the automated bus consortium planning study; the configuration for the Proterra build has been finalized with a January delivery date; and a configuration for the New Flyer build for next fall is currently under way.

The Downstate Operating Assistance Program (DOAP) application has been submitted and the Triennial review process is wrapping up with a site visit on June 1. Ridership has seen an increase of 20-30% due to school ridership as the schools reopen. The American Jobs Plan transportation investment proposal includes billions of dollars for direct transit investment and Amtrak. The APTA Legislative Conference will be held virtually on May 18-19.

Mrs. Hirsch gave an overview of Alpha Vue, the vendor that distributes monthly community surveys regarding public transit in our area. She highlighted some of the recent survey results.

Old Business

Personnel

None

New Business

Morning Star Services Agreement – Trustee Krouth made a motion, with Trustee Tyler-Jamison seconding, to proceed with a Services Agreement with Morning Star Community NFP to provide services and unlimited access to residents at 3601 6th Avenue in Moline, Illinois at a cost of \$350.00 per month April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022. After discussion a roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting “Aye”, and Chairperson Baecke declared the motion carried.

Facility Landscaping Services Amendment #1 – Trustee Tyler-Jamison made a motion, with Trustee Krouth seconding, to amend the contract with Heritage Landscape Design for landscaping services at MetroLINK facilities by exercising the two option years and increasing price as noted in the board memo. After discussion a roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting “Aye”, and Chairperson Baecke declared the motion carried.

Hold Harmless Agreement Hy-Vee Rock Island – Trustee Tyler-Jamison made a motion, with Trustee Thorngren seconding, to enter into a License and Hold Harmless Agreement with the Rock Island Hy-Vee, the property owner, to document the placement of one (1) bus shelter with real-time signage on 2930 18th Avenue, Suite 102, Rock Island, IL. After discussion a roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting “Aye”, and Chairperson Baecke declared the motion carried.

DARI Membership – Trustee Krouth made a motion, with Trustee Tyler-Jamison seconding, to approve the 2021 membership investment in DARI. After discussion a roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting “Aye”, and Chairperson Baecke declared the motion carried.

TRAMS Access Designation of Authority – Trustee Krouth made a motion, with Trustee Ontiveros seconding, to submit the required forms to provide TrAMS access for Josh Hatler and give him the “Developer”, “Submitter”, “FFR Reporter”, and “MPR Reporter” roles in the TrAMS System. After discussion a roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting “Aye”, and Chairperson Baecke declared the motion carried.

Janitorial Contracts Amendment #2 – Trustee Tyler-Jamison made a motion, with Trustee Thorngren seconding, to extend the janitorial contract with R Services Unlimited through February 28, 2022 at the \$22.50 hourly rate. After discussion a roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting “Aye”, and Chairperson Baecke declared the motion carried.

Resolution 2021-09 for Submittal of a Low or No Emission Bus Competitive Grant Program Application – Trustee Krouth made a motion, with Trustee Tyler-Jamison seconding, to approve Resolution 2021-09 and the submittal of a Capital Grant Application for Fiscal Year 2021 Low or No Emission Bus Competitive Grant Program funding for the purchase of electric bus charging infrastructure and associated costs for a total amount of \$4,023,804. 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 1:43 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