

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

May 26, 2021

The regular meeting of the Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at MetroLINK's Administrative Office in Moline, IL at 1:00 PM via in person, telephone conference or video conference with Chairperson Baecke presiding. Recording Secretary Barbara Springer called 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
Jennifer Hirsch – Manager of Administration
Colleen Kasbohm – Director of Finance
Jim Tuttle – Systems Administrator
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 Krouth made a motion, with Trustee Tyler-Jamison seconding, that the Minutes of the May 12, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting be approved. There being no further discussion, the Chairman called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting "Aye", and the Chairman declared the motion carried.

April 2021 Financial Statement

Trustee Ontiveros made a motion, with Trustee Tyler-Jamison seconding, that the April 2021 Financial Statement be approved. After discussion, the Chairman called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting "Aye", and the Chairman declared the motion carried.

April 2021 Invoices

Quad City Garage Policy Group

Trustee Tyler-Jamison made a motion, with Trustee Krouth seconding, that the April 2021 Quad City Garage Policy Group invoices be approved for payment. After discussion, the Chairman called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting "Aye", and the Chairman declared the motion carried.

MetroLINK

Trustee Krouth made a motion, with Trustee Tyler-Jamison seconding, that the April 2021 MetroLINK invoices be approved for payment. After discussion, the Chairman called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting “Aye”, and the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Communications

None

Reports of Officers, Committees, and the General Manager

Ridership Report

Trustee Thornngren made a motion, with Trustee Krouth seconding, to approve the April 2021 Ridership Report. After discussion, the Chairman called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting “Aye”, and the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Maintenance Report

Trustee Krouth made a motion, with Trustee Tyler-Jamison seconding, to approve the April 2021 Maintenance Report. After discussion, the Chairman called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting “Aye”, and the Chairman declared the motion carried.

General Manager’s Report

Metro continues to transport riders to the vaccination sites. Mr. Nelson informed the board that MetroLINK has zero finding on the triennial review. We have now successfully achieved two consecutive triennial reviews with zero findings. The board congratulated staff for this superior achievement. The Moline ferryboat dock is proceeding with a fall kickoff, and is coming in at approximately 10% DBE with local employees. The Channel Cat is scheduled to begin services on May 28, 2021.

Ridership is up 36% since the start of the pandemic and continues to grow. Future marketing efforts will include reaching out to social media and other venues to get feedback on our services from the public. Information on this feedback will be presented to the board.

Mr. Nelson stated that the APTA Legislative Conference held last week was a good event, and the “fly-in” calls with our local legislators went well.

Mrs. Hirsch briefly discussed our marketing program and stated that MetroLINK had won 2 first-place AdWheel awards through APTA. The board viewed videos on the Driving Force ad, our new recruitment commercial and viewed information on the new QC PastPort information accessible on the Channel Cat rides.

Mr. Nelson and Ms. Ontiveros hosted Mayor Rayapati at OMC sharing our facilities and projects with her.

Old Business

Personnel

Collective bargaining continue this week for the QC Garage Policy Group.

New Business

Transfer of Deputy Vehicles

Trustee Tyler-Jamison made a motion, with Trustee Krouth seconding, to transfer ownership of two Ford Explorer deputy vehicles to the Rock Island County Sheriff's office. After discussion a roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting "Aye", and Chairman Baecke declared the motion carried.

New Flyer Bus Purchase Recommendation

Trustee Tyler-Jamison made a motion, with Trustee Thorngren seconding, to award a contract to New Flyer for the purchase of five (5) 35' CNG buses and eight (8) 40' buses, at a cost of up to \$6,988,197.25. After discussion a roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting "Aye", and the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Hold Harmless Agreement for the Passenger Shelter at 25th Street and 5th Avenue in Moline

Trustee Krouth made a motion, with Trustee Thorngren seconding, to enter into a License and Hold Harmless Agreement with Jon Rocha, the property owner on the west side of 25th Street between 5th and 6th Avenue in Moline, to document the placement of one (1) bus shelter with real-time signage. After discussion a roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting "Aye", and the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Old Harmless Agreement for a Passenger Shelter at Morning Star Senior Center in Moline

Trustee Krouth made a motion, with Trustee Tyler-Jamison seconding, to enter into a License and Hold Harmless Agreement with Morning Star Senior Center, the property owner at 3601 6th Avenue, Moline, Illinois to document the placement of one (1) bus shelter with a rooftop solar panel. After discussion a roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting "Aye", and the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Other Business

None

Adjourn

At 1:54 PM Chairman Baecke entertained a motion to adjourn. Trustee Ontiveros made the motion to adjourn.

Barbara Springer, Recording Secretary

Robert Baecke, Chairman

Maria Ontiveros, Secretary-Treasurer