

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

June 9, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, June 9, 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
Greg Meldrum – IT Technician
Jim Tuttle – Systems Administrator
Tanner Osing – Transportation Planner
Tearani McDonald – Data Clerk
Barb Springer – Recording Secretary
Roger Strandlund – MetroLINK Legal Counsel

Trustees Absent/Excused

Public with Business Before the Board

None

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Krouth made a motion, with Trustee Ontiveros seconding, that the Minutes of the May 26, 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 Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Communications

None

Reports of Officers, Committees, and the General Manager

Mr. Nelson reported that Phase V opens the state to normal status as of June 11, 2021. However, masks are still required for public transit. Effective with the June 23, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting we will be again meeting in person. The next meeting will be held at Centre Station to enable social distancing measures for continued safety.

The Triennial with FTA has concluded officially with zero findings. Our first new CNG buses will begin arriving mid-fall. Staff met with IDOT to discuss future Rebuild Capital funding requests. Clever Devices is currently on-site working with the new CAD/AVL. The second new supervisor's van has arrived. A cybersecurity grant project has been kicked off with FTA Office of Demonstration and Research. Plans are being made to roll out an extensive community wide survey to gauge rider and non-rider needs.

The House has introduced the INVEST ACT (reauthorization bill) which currently sets aside over \$1 billion for transit, with \$95 billion set aside for passenger and freight rail. Mr. Nelson reported on Congresswoman Bustos' visit on the Channel Cat. As of 05-08-21 ridership on the Channel Cat was 2,843.

An active shooter training drill was held at the OMC last week. Mr. Nelson discussed three FEMA grants that have been submitted. We are awaiting approval or funding for these grants.

Old Business

Personnel

The Quad City Garage Policy Group has ratified a 3 year collective bargaining agreement effective June 1, 2021 through May 31, 20204. Mr. Nelson announced Barb Springer's retirement at the end of this month.

New Business

Rock Island County Sheriff's Department IGA – Trustee Tyler-Jamison made a motion, with Trustee Thorngren seconding, to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Rock Island County Sheriff's Department to provide law enforcement support to the District for a term of 5 years in the amounts presented in the board memo. After discussion a roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting "Aye", and Chairperson Baecke declared the motion carried.

Resolution 2021-15: Submittal of a Ferry Boat Formula Program (FBP) Application – Trustee Ontiveros made a motion, with Trustee Tyler-Jamison seconding, to approve Resolution 2021-15 for the submittal of a Capital Grant Application for FHWA Ferry Boat Formula Program funding at an amount up to \$29,483 in federal funds for preventative maintenance on the Channel Cat passenger ferryboats. After discussion a roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting "Aye", and Chairperson Baecke declared the motion carried.

IMEG Contract Amendment #1 – Trustee Krouth made a motion, with Trustee Tyler-Jamison seconding, to award Contract Amendment #1 with IMEG for Professional Consulting Services on MetroLINK A&E and Design Projects at the hourly rates as noted within the board memo, and with a revised not to exceed amount of \$500,000. The proposed contract Amendment #1 will exercise the two option years through 6/28/23. After discussion a roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting "Aye", and Chairperson Baecke declared the motion carried.

Professional Consulting Services Recommendation on Cybersecurity Readiness Tool – Trustee Tyler-Jamison made a motion, with Trustee Krouth seconding, to award a contract to Max Cybersecurity LLC in an amount not to exceed \$485,000 to assess our cybersecurity readiness and develop a cyber resilience assessment tool for small transit operators. 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 1:41 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