

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

July 14, 2021

The regular meeting of the Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at MetroLINK's Administrative Office at 1515 River Drive in Moline, IL at 1:00 PM with Chairperson Baecke presiding. Acting Recording Secretary Tearani McDonald called the roll of the Board Members.

Trustees Present

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
Chelsey Hohensee – Manager of Operations
Colleen Kasbohm – Director of Finance
Heather Allen – Senior Accountant
Jim Tuttle – Systems Administrator
Josh Hatler – Project Planner
Tearani McDonald – Data Clerk
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 June 23, 2021 Board Meeting be approved. There being no discussion the Chairman called for a vote. The majority of Trustees present voted in favor of the motion and the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Communications

U.S Senator Dick Durbin news conference at MetroLINK

Mr. Nelson discussed U.S. Senator Dick Durbin's visit to MetroLINK's Operations and Maintenance facility on June 29, 2021. Senator Durbin held a news conference to discuss electric vehicles and electric vehicle infrastructure opportunities in the Quad Cities.

Reports of Officers, Committees and the General Manager

General Manager's Report

Mr. Nelson gave a state and federal update. He reported local Covid-19 cases are down. The CDC and FTA mask mandate could be extended through the end of the year. He mentioned several conferences set to take place this fall (in person) including: The Midwest Transit Conference, Sep 7-9; IPTA Fall Conference, Sep 14-16; APTA Workshop, October 3-6; and APTA Transform Conference, Nov 7-10. Mr. Nelson will be a keynote speaker at the Midwest Transit Conference.

MetroLINK will be submitting an Illinois Rebuild Grant, details will be discussed under new business.

MetroLINK supervisors took part in a Leadership training. Mr. Nelson informed Board members that MetroLINK is hosting a job fair on August 4, 2021 at Centre Station.

Mr. Nelson reported on Channel Cat Water Taxi activities.

Old Business

Personnel

None

New Business

Application Final Approval of FFY-2021 Program of Projects ARPA

Trustee Krouth made a motion, with Trustee Thorngren seconding, to approve MetroLINK's ARPA FFY-2021 proposed Program of Projects (POP). There being no discussion, the Chairman called for a roll call vote. All Trustees voted in favor of the motion and the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Resolution 2021-14: Submittal of FFY-2021 Section 5307 Capital Grant

Trustee Ontiveros made a motion, with Trustee Tyler-Jamison seconding, to approve Resolution 2021-14 authorizing the filing of a FFY-2021 Section 5307 Formula Grant Program application in the amount of \$10,900,803. After discussion, the Chairman called for a roll call vote. All Trustees voted in favor of the motion and the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Resolution 2021-16: Submittal of FFY2021 Ferry Boat Formula Program (FBP) Application

Trustee Tyler-Jamison made a motion, with Trustee Thorngren seconding, to approve Resolution 2021-16 authorizing the filing of a FFY-2021 Ferry Boat Formula Program Capital Grant application in an amount of up to \$22,499. After discussion, the Chairman called for a roll call vote. All Trustees voted in favor of the motion and the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Illinois Rebuild Grant- Public Notice

Trustee Krouth made a motion, with Trustee Ontiveros seconding, to authorize the publication of a public notice for an opportunity for public comment for an Illinois Department of Transportation Rebuild Grant Application. After discussion, the Chairman called for a roll call vote. All Trustees voted in favor of the motion and the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Moline & Rock Island- Milan K-1 Schools Free Ride Scholarship Program

Trustee Ontiveros made a motion, with Trustee Thorngren seconding, to implement a “free ride scholarship” program for K-12 students in the Moline/Rock Island-Milan School District, for the fall semester of 2021. After discussion, the Chairman called for a roll call vote. All Trustees voted in favor of the motion and the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Other Business

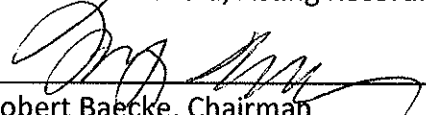
Discussion was held pertaining to Governor Pritzker’s Disaster Law which permits remote participation in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Adjourn

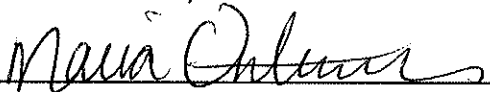
At 2:00 PM Chairman Baecke entertained a motion to adjourn. Trustee Ontiveros made the motion to adjourn and the Chairman declared the motion carried.



Tearani McDonald, Acting Recording Secretary



Robert Baecke, Chairman



Maria Ontiveros, Secretary/Treasurer