

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE
ROCK ISLAND COUNTY METROPOLITAN MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT
November 17, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at MetroLINK's Centre Station at 1200 River Drive in Moline, IL at 1:00 PM with Chairperson Tyler-Jamison presiding. Recording Secretary Tearani McDonald called the roll of the Board Members.

Trustees Present

Berlinda Tyler-Jamison – Rock Island
Melinda Thorngren – Silvis
Dave Krouth - Milan

Trustees Absent/Excused

Robert Baecke – East Moline
Maria Ontiveros – Moline

Others Present

Jeff Nelson – CEO/Managing Director
Jennifer Hirsch – Manager of Administration
Chelsey Hohensee – Manager of Operations
Colleen Kasbohm – Director of Finance
Greg Meldrum, IT Technician
Ben Castro - Transportation Planner
Josh Hatler – Project Planner
Tearani McDonald – Data Clerk
Roger Strandlund – MetroLINK Legal Counsel
Bernie Roach – Member of the Public
Bernie Roach IV – Member of the Public

Public with Business Before the Board

Bernie Roach and Bernie Roach, IV, of Rock Island, IL, attended the meeting. Mr. Roach shared his concern of potential route changes to Route 57 weekday and Saturday service. He also voiced that he would like to see buses without wrapped windows. He stated for the visually impaired it's difficult to see landmarks at night through the windows. Mr. Nelson addressed Mr. Roach's concerns. Chairperson Tyler-Jamison thanked Mr. Roach for his comments.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Thorngren made a motion, with Trustee Krouth seconding, that the Minutes of the October 25, 2021 Board Meeting be approved. There being no discussion the Chairman called for a vote. All Trustees present voted in favor of the motion and the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Communications

A memo of temporary route modifications was shared amongst the board. Mrs. Hirsch noted the Channel Cat Water Taxi was mentioned in a local blog "Making Time for Mommy". An article from Passenger Transport highlighted APTA's TRANSform Conference & EXPO.

The article pictures Mr. Nelson during the ribbon cutting ceremony. Mrs. Hirsch shared a video that showcased Mr. Nelson's career in the transit industry.

Reports of Officers, Committees and the General Manager

General Manager's Report

Mr. Nelson reported that the \$107 Billion Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal was signed by President Biden Monday. The board received a fact sheet from the US Department of Transportation that highlights what the BID will mean for American mobility. Mr. Nelson announced that the new I-74 Bridge will be opening on December 1, 2021.

Old Business

Personnel

None

New Business

FY2022 Budget & Tax Levy Ordinance

Trustee Krouth made a motion, with Trustee Thorngren seconding, to approve the FY2022 budget. 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.

Trustee Krouth made a motion, with Trustee Thorngren seconding, to approve Ordinance 2022-01 for setting the tax levy for the Metropolitan Mass Transit District of Rock Island for FY December 1, 2021 through November 30, 2022, and to approve the publication of the FY2022 budget and levy ordinance. There being no discussion, the Chairman called for a vote. All Trustees voted in favor of the motion and the Chairman declared the motion carried.

CY 2022 Workers' Compensation Policy Renewal

Trustee Thorngren made a motion, with Trustee Krouth seconding, to approve the workers' compensation renewal policy for calendar year 2022. 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.

CY 2022 Health Insurance Renewal

Trustee Krouth made a motion, with Trustee Thorngren seconding, to approve the 2022 quote for employee health insurance. 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.

Line of Credit Renewal

Trustee Thorngren made a motion, with Trustee Krouth seconding, to approve and concur with renewing the line of credit with the terms described in the memo. 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.

Amendment #1 to IGA with the City of Davenport for Call Center Services

Trustee Krouth made a motion, with Trustee Thorngren seconding to approve Amendment #1 for a one-year extension to the IGA with the City of Davenport, with MetroLINK providing call center support to Davenport. 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.

City of Davenport Ferry Dock Intergovernmental Agreement Recommendation

Trustee Thorngren made a motion, with Trustee Krouth seconding to approve to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Davenport to define cost sharing, construction, and other terms relative to the Village of East Davenport Ferryboat Terminal Replacement Project. 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 & RI-Milan K-12 Free Ride Scholarship Program Extension

Trustee Krouth made a motion, with Trustee Thorngren seconding, to approve the extension of the “free ride scholarship” program for k-12 students traveling to/from Moline, Rock Island-Milan, and UTHS schools through May 2022. 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

Mr. Nelson announced Mayor Reggie Freeman has appointed Dan Knox as East Moline representative to the Board of Trustees.

Adjourn

At 2:18PM Chairman Tyler-Jamison entertained a motion to adjourn. Trustee Thorngren made the motion to adjourn and the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Tearani McDonald, Recording Secretary

Berlinda Tyler-Jamison, Chairman

Maria Ontiveros, Secretary/Treasurer