

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

July 12, 2023

The regular meeting of the Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at MetroLINK's Administrative Office at 1515 River Drive in Moline, IL at 12:30 PM with acting Chairperson Krouth presiding. Recording Secretary Tearani McDonald called the roll of the Board Members.

Trustees Present

Dave Krouth – Milan
Theresa Appleman – East Moline
Melinda Thorngren – Silvis
Sam McCullum - Moline

Others Present

Jeff Nelson – CEO/Managing Director
Brad Begyn – Manager of Operations and Maintenance
Mitch Pannell – Assistant Director of Operations
Kelly Brinkman – Director of Human Resources
Colleen Kasbohm – Comptroller
Don Krueger – Director of Risk Management & Security
Heather Allen – Finance Analyst
Ray Dobbels – Director of Facilities
Claudia Brewer - Centre Station Supervisor
Jeanette Amidon – Program Coordinator
Lucie VanHecke – Project Administrator
Eric Crane – IT Technology
Tearani McDonald – Recording Secretary
Roger Strandlund – MetroLINK Legal Counsel

Trustees Absent/Excused

Berlinda Tyler-Jamison – Rock Island

Employee Recognition

Steve “Q” Quested, Operations Supervisor was recognized for 10 years of service. Ron Schumacher, Bus Driver was recognized for 20 years of service.

Public with Business Before the Board

None

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Thorngren made a motion, with Trustee Appleman seconding, that the Minutes of the June 28, 2023 Board Meeting be approved. There being no discussion, the acting Chairperson called for a vote. A vote was taken showing all Trustees present voting “Aye”, and the acting Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Communications

None

Reports of Officers, Committees, and the General Manager

Mr. Nelson reported as part of the PGA's sustainably initiative MetroLINK participated in the John Deere Classic, held July 5-9th. MetroLINK battery electric buses drove 5,000 miles during the tournament and carried 20,000 spectators. At the end of the week staff will select a Paratransit software vendor. IDOT officials will visit OMC next week to learn about current operations, initiatives, and projects. Mr. Nelson reported renovation design for Centre Station is complete. An EV Charging Infrastructure Deployment handout was provided to the Board, outlining MetroLINK's community EV charging initiative. Charger RFP's are due July 31st. The ferryboat dock mussel surveys have been completed for Davenport and East Moline. Mr. Nelson announced Wapsi Valley (DBE) has been awarded the archeology contract for the ferryboat docks. Mr. Nelson reported on Channel Cat ridership and activities.

Old Business

Personnel

None

New Business

DOAP FY2024 Contract Approval

Trustee McCullum made a motion, with Trustee Thorngren seconding, that the Board approve resolution 2023-16 for the execution of the FY2024 Downstate Operating Assistance Program (DOAP) Contract. After discussion, the acting Chairperson called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting "Aye". Acting Chairperson Krouth declared the motion carried.

Other Business

The board received a memo highlighting the FEMA COVID19 disaster relief funds. Acting Chairperson Krouth praised Comptroller, Colleen Kasbohm and her team for all their hard-work.

Executive Session

Acting Chairperson Krouth invited Board Members to adjourn into Executive Session at 12:52 p.m. for the purpose of discussing "Personnel". Legal Counsel provided the legal finding/factual basis supporting Personnel, i.e., 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). A motion was made by Trustee Thorngren with Trustee McCullum seconding, to adjourn into Executive Session. Upon roll call vote, all Trustees voted in favor of the motion and the Chairperson declared the motion as carried.

Trustee Appleman made a motion, with Trustee McCullum seconding, to adjourn back into regular session at 1:01 PM. A roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting in favor of the motion and the Chairperson declared the motion as carried.

Adjourn

At 1:02 p.m. acting Chairperson Krouth entertained a motion to adjourn. Trustee Thorngren made the motion to adjourn and the acting Chairperson declared the motion carried.



Tearani McDonald, Recording Secretary



Dave Krouth, Acting Chairperson



Theresa Appleman, Secretary /Treasurer