

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

October 14, 2020

The regular meeting of the Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 1:00PM at Centre Station via in-person, teleconference or videoconference with Chairperson Baecke presiding. The Recording Secretary called the roll of the Board Members.

Trustees Present

Robert Baecke – East Moline
Berlinda Tyler-Jamison – Rock Island
Melinda Thorngren - Silvis
Dave Krouth - Milan

Others Present

Jeff Nelson – General Manager
Jennifer Hirsch – Manager of Administration
Colleen Kasbohm – Director of Finance
Don Krueger – Director of Risk Management & Security
Greg Meldrum – IT Technician
Jim Tuttle – Systems Administrator - teleconference
Josh Hatler – Project Planner
Barb Springer – Recording Secretary
Roger Strandlund – MetroLINK Legal Counsel

Trustees Absent/Excused

Maria Ontiveros – Moline

Public with Business before the Board

None

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Krouth made a motion, with Trustee Thorngren seconding, that the Minutes of the September 23, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting be approved with minor corrections. There being no further discussion, the Chairman called for a vote. With all Trustees voting “Aye”, Chairman Baecke declared the motion carried.

Communications

Mr. Nelson discussed mobile video surveillance system amendments that were previously approved for informational purposes and to document the procurement file. He also distributed and discussed a Public Transit and COVID-19 Pandemic handout on Global Research and Best Practices.

Reports of Officers, Committees, and the General Manager

Mr. Nelson reported that Mrs. Hirsch recently participated in a Quad Cities COVID-19 Coalition media briefing last week. The majority of the fleet has now been equipped with electronic air purifiers, the wheelchair security device installations have been completed, and the automated door systems at OMC have been installed to reduce touch surfaces. The survey results are currently being compiled on the rider surveys that have been received. On October 19th the Rock Island-Milan schools will return to blended in-person learning. We are still awaiting the IDOT award announcement. The House and Senate continue to work on a COVID-19 package. There

has been a one year extension on the reauthorization of the federal transit plan for transit funding. APTA will hold a virtual annual conference on October 21 and 22. Mr. Nelson distributed an agenda and asked any interested board member to contact the office if they are interested in attending this conference. Josh Hatler, the new Project Planner, was introduced.

Old Business

Personnel

ATU will vote this week on the STS Collective Bargaining Proposal as presented.

Proposed FY2021 Budget & Tax Levy – Trustee Tyler-Jamison made a motion, with Trustee Thornngren seconding, to publish a public hearing notice for the FY21 budget and tax levy ordinance. After discussion, with all Trustees voting in favor of the motion, the Chairperson declared the motion carried.

New Business

Updated Force Account Plan – Trustee Krouth made a motion, with Trustee Tyler-Jamison seconding, to approve the updated force account plan. After discussion a roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting “Aye”, and the Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Other Business

Mr. Nelson reported record attendance for the Channel Cat this October. The last day of service for the season will be October 17.

Adjourn

At 1:23 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