

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
August 25th, 2015**

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Present:

Delores Lysakowski, Chairperson
Lonnie Mosley, Trustee
Richie Meile, Trustee
Mike Sullivan, Trustee
Herb Simmons, Trustee
Bill Grogan, Managing Director
CJ Baricevic, Legal
Neil Huegen, SCCTD

Absent:

Walter Jackson, Metro

The Chairperson brought the meeting to order at 6:00 pm exactly, and noted that there were no guests to introduce.

A motion was made by Mike Sullivan and seconded by Richie Meile to approve the minutes of the July 21st meeting of the Board of Trustees. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.

There were no Incoming Claims or Communications.

Under Financial Matters, the Chairperson brought the Board's attention to the budget she had distributed to them the previous week. The Chairperson opened the floor to discussion over the budget and Lonnie Mosley made a motion to approve the budget. The motion was seconded by Richie Meile and the motion passed unanimously in a voice vote. The Budget for the upcoming year was approved.

Next, under Financial Matters, the Chairperson brought the Board's attention to Resolution FY16-02, which authorizes the Chairperson to execute a new Downstate Operating Assistance Program agreement with the State of Illinois. A motion was made by Lonnie Mosley to authorize the Chairperson to enter into the new agreement, and the motion was seconded by Richie Meile. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.

Under Old Business, the Chairperson mentioned that the Redbird Express ridership is still exceeding expectations and is higher than ever.

Next, the Chairperson opened the meeting to discussion of New Business. She immediately gave Mr. Grogan the floor so that he could explain the Memorandum of Understanding that each Board Member received with the previously mentioned resolutions. The Memo of Understanding was an informative Memo which explains the change-over procedure that the District will work through while the Safety Oversight responsibilities are transitioned from the local to the State level. During the interim period in which the State is not in position to undertake all of the duties outlined by the new statute, the District will continue to oversee safety per the previous statute. A motion was made by Herb Simmons to approve the Memo of Understanding and adopt the Memo's suggested safety oversight guidelines as District approved policy. The motion was seconded by Richie Meile, and the vote passed unanimously in a voice vote.

Next, Managing Director, Bill Grogan, discussed his monthly activities, and drew special attention to the Metro tunnel ventilation inspection in which he participated, as required by the FTA.

After Mr. Grogan's report, the Chairperson offered the Board's legal counsel the opportunity to discuss any ongoing legal issues that affect the District. CJ Baricevic distributed an "Opinion of Counsel" memo that he wrote in regards to the new DOAP agreement. Following a short explanation of that memo, he updated the Board as to the proceedings of the Front Street project that is proceeding as scheduled, and took special note as to the agreeability of the railroad companies involved in the project, and commented that the District has received excellent cooperation from all organizations involved in that project.

Finally, Mark Kern inquired about the possibility of SCCTD getting smaller busses on some of the routes that go through the older neighborhoods of Belleville. The Chairperson responded by listing some of the intricacies of acquiring smaller buses and trying to limit their usage to specific routes. The topic was put on hold until more funding sources could be explored.

There being no further business, the Chairperson reminded everyone that the next meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 15th, in the same location. A motion to adjourn was made by Herb Simmons, and seconded by Richie Meile. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.