

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
August 20, 2019**

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**Present:**

Herb Simmons, Chairman  
Mike Sullivan, Vice-Chairman  
Lonnie Mosley, Trustee  
George Markezich, Trustee  
Toni Perrin, Trustee  
Ken Sharkey, Managing Director  
John Baricevic, Attorney  
Sgt. Peters, SCC Sheriff's Department  
Lt. Hundelt, SCC Sheriff's Department  
MaryAnn Taylor Crate, Added Dimension, LLC  
Hollie Etling, SCCTD  
Tony Erwin, SCCTD  
Jonathan Frederick, SCCTD

**Absent:**

Walter Jackson, Metro Superintendent, Illinois Garage

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Simmons, at 5:00 pm.

**Introduction of Guests:** None

**Public Comment:** Mr. Simmons introduced Sgt. Peters as the new SCC Sheriff MetroLink Supervisor.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- **A motion was made by Mr. Markezich and seconded by Mr. Mosley to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2019 Board Meetings. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.**

**Incoming Claims and Communications:** None

**Reports:**

- Ken Sharkey
  - Mr. Sharkey outlined his report as presented in the packets, Sheriff's reports, Redbird Express financial information and that ridership is down in Illinois 1.1% for bus and train combined for FY 19, Missouri is down 3.3%. Anticipating an increase in FY 20.
  - Mr. Sharkey and the Board presented Lt. Hundelt with a plaque and proclamation honoring his years of service and congratulating him on his retirement.
  - Mr. Sharkey asked Sgt. Peters for the status on St. Clair County Sheriff Deputies being able to cross the river. Sgt. Peters stated that there is a hold up with St. Louis City and St. Louis County Police Departments at this time.

#### Report Continues:

- Mr. Sharkey presented the Board with the FY2020 Downstate Operating Assistance Program resolution to receive funding from IDOT. **A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Markezich to adopt resolution FY 20-08-20-1 allowing the St. Clair County Transit District to enter into an agreement with IDOT. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.**
- Mr. Sharkey presented the Board with a report for future consideration to build the new MetroLink Bike Trail at the same time as the MetroLink extension to Mid America Airport. The estimated cost of this project is \$5 million. This project will be tabled until other options are considered.
- Mr. Sharkey presented the Board with request letters from the Village of Swansea. Mr. Simmons then presented the two letters in the packet. The first, stating that a piece of land owned by the St. Clair County Transit District be obtained by the Village of Swansea to complete their project of a shared use path. **A motion was made by Mr. Markezich and seconded by Mr. Mosley to table this request until it can be further investigated by Mr. Baricevic. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.**
- Mr. Erwin explained that the second letter presented from the Village of Swansea is a request for \$40,000 to assist with a shared use sidewalk extension along Fullerton Road. **A motion was made by Mr. Markezich and seconded by Mr. Mosley to table this until it is reviewed further. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.**
- Mr. Erwin
  - Outlined ongoing projects as presented in the packet.
- Mr. Baricevic
  - Notice of 2 new lawsuits, both have not yet been filed. The first is someone who ran into a yellow bollard on the Bike Trail. The other was a child on a bicycle was hit by a bus in Swansea. Mr. Baricevic believes the Swansea claim will be a Bi-State issue.

#### Financial Matters:

- Nothing to report

#### Old Business:

- Nothing to report

#### New Business:

- Mr. Sharkey presented the Board with a chart of expenses for the Redbird Express. Ridership is up 5% this year and expenses have been reduced by approximately \$120,000 from last year.
- Mr. Sharkey then explained that it was his intention to present this information along with a proposal to the Board when the baseball season ended with options on how the service can better operate next season. **A motion was made by Mr. Markezich and seconded by Ms. Perrin to continue the Redbird Express operations for the remainder of the 2019 season unless there is another disruption of service.**
- MaryAnn Taylor Crate updated the board on the ongoing Transit Vision 2020 Project.

#### Board Member Comments:

- No Comments

**Report Continues:**

**Next Meeting: Adjournment 5:56 pm**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Mr. Markezich. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.

Next Board Meeting – **September 17, 2019** at 5:00 pm located at the SCCTD office at 27 North Illinois St, Belleville, Illinois.