

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2019**

Present:

Herb Simmons, 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:

Mike Sullivan, Vice-Chairman
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: MaryAnn Taylor Crate with Added Dimensions, LLC

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes:

- **A motion was made by Mr. Markezich and seconded by Mr. Mosley to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2019 Board Meetings. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.**

Incoming Claims and Communications: None

Reports:

- Ken Sharkey
 - Mr. Sharkey reminded the Board regarding the CMT luncheon on Thursday September 19th beginning at 11:30 a.m. The SCCTD Ambassadors are going to be recognized for their efforts riding the trains and the buses communicating to the public.
 - Mr. Sharkey advised the Board he will be attending the upcoming IPTA Conference being held in Rosemount IL. September 18th – 20th.
 - Mr. Sharkey presented the Sheriff reports outlining the activities by the deputies.
 - Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined SCCTD's current investment schedule and the returns to date. Mr. Simmons commented and updated as well and expressed his appreciation on keeping the Board informed.
 - Mr. Sharkey updated the Board on the Red Bird Express and reported the ridership is up.

Report Continues:

- Mr. Sharkey informed the Board regarding the Metro Train and Bus ridership in Illinois. The Illinois ridership is up 3.5% while the MetroLink is up 1.1% for July 2019 compared to July 2018.
- Mr. Sharkey presented photos of the proposed 29 ½ foot buses to be put in service in Illinois when received. He continued by reporting there are currently 5 buses in production in California. He also added that he would like to include the SCCTD logo on the buses when put into service. All Board members agreed.
- Mr. Sharkey informed and outlined to the Board regarding the Midwest Transit Conference he recently attended in Kansas City.
- Mr. Sharkey updated the Board on the past and current status of the TransitVision2020 program. SCCTD hosted numerous successful popup meetings at the Emerson, Belleville and SWIC Stations, presented the program to the Belleville Chamber Meeting as well the Bethel Baptist Church. He went on to say on September 23rd we will be attending a meeting at SAFB. To date SCCTD has received in excess of 700 surveys and the survey portion of this project will be ending October 7th.
- Mr. Sharkey requested the Board permit him to dispose of SCCTD's 2016 Ford Taurus. The vehicle is not being used and he would like to advise it for sale and accept sealed bids. **A motion was made by Mr. Mosely and seconded by Mr. Markezich to advise and accept sealed bids for the 2016 Ford Taurus as outlined by Mr. Sharkey. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.**
- Mr. Sharkey presented a letter from the Dupo School District 196 requesting a donation of retired 15 passenger bus. It was noted the Board previously donated a bus that has not been delivered to date to the approved grantee. **A motion was made by Mr. Mosely and seconded by Mr. Markezich to table the decision the request by the school. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.**
- Mr. Erwin
 - Mr. Erwin presented to the Board the proposed submitted by Impact Strategies to provide Project Administration on a Time and Material bases for the ATS Improvements for the Belleville Station and the Illinois Garage. He advised the Board they will prepare all bid packages and obtain bids and make a recommendation to the Board for award. **A motion was made by Mr. Markezich and seconded by Mr. Mosley to approve the proposal as submitted. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.**
 - Mr. Erwin presented an outline of rates from Hanks Excavating Inc to provide brush clearing services along the current MetroBikeLink trail. Mr. Erwin advised Hanks has all the latest equipment that will clear the necessary areas and they would spray the areas so that the grass will grow but the wood plants would not. Mr. Simmons asked if we had an estimated cost and Mr. Erwin replied he could not provide due to the density of the foliage and the tight working area. He did advise the Board the cost of the flagging would be taken care of by Metro directly. **A motion was made by Mr. Markezich and seconded by Mrs. Perrin to prepare a bid packet and advertise to obtain bids. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.**

Report Continues:

- Mr. Baricevic
 - Mr. Baricevic presented to the Board that he and Mr. Erwin have been working with SCCTD's insurance carrier regarding coverage for the part time SCC deputies patrolling the trains. Mr. Baricevic explained the issue is SCCTD only pays the deputies but does nothing to direct and schedule their work, that is all done by the SCC Sheriff Department. He went on to say he recommended Mr. Sharkey and he meet with the Chairman and the Sheriff and discuss to see what could be remedied. **A motion was made by Mr. Mosely and seconded by Mr. Markezich to have Mr. Baricevic and Mr. Sharkey coordinate the issue with the SCC to come up with a solution. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.**

Financial Matters:

- Nothing to report

Old Business:

- Mr. Erwin discussed the tabled Swansea Fullerton Road Request that SCCTD commit \$40,000.00 to constructed a proposed the trail from the current MetroBikeLink Trail to the proposed improvements along Fullerton Road. Discussion by the Board with the following motion: **A motion was made by Mr. Markezich and seconded by Mrs. Perrin to grant the \$40,000.00 as requested and donate the SCCTD land for the improvements and the Village of Swansea maintain all the improvements. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.**
- Mr. Erwin discussed the tabled Swansea Boule Avenue Improvements requesting the SCCTD donate to the Village of Swansea the property outlined for a proposed trail head and bike trail connection to the existing MetroBikeLink. Discussion by the Board followed with the following motion. **A motion was made by Mr. Markezich and seconded by Mrs. Perrin to donate the SCCTD land in question for the improvements and the Village of Swansea maintain all the improvements. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.**
- MaryAnn Taylor Crate updated the board on the ongoing Transit Vision 2020 Project.

New Business:

- Nothing to report

Board Member Comments:

- No Comments

Next Meeting: Adjournment 5:46 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 – **October 15, 2019** at 5:00 pm located at the SCCTD office at 27 North Illinois St, Belleville, Illinois.