

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
July 27, 2021**

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Present:

Herb Simmons, Chairman
Lonnie Mosley, Trustee
George Markezich, Trustee
Toni Perrin, Trustee
John Baricevic, Attorney
Mark Kern, SCC Board Chairman
Ken Sharkey, SCCTD Managing Director
Jonathan Frederick, SCCTD
Taulby Roach, BSD
Tammy Fulbright, BSD
John Wolf, MGT
Tony Erwin, SCCTD

Excused Absents:

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Simmons, at 4:30 pm. Chairman Simmons called for a rollcall, Mosley, Markezich, Perrin all responded present.

Action Items:

- Mr. Sharkey presented the bids for the St Ellen Mine Trail. He advised there were three bidders DMS Contracting, Mayer Landscaping and Hanks Excavating. Mr. Sharkey recommended the project to be awarded to Hanks Excavating in the amount of \$279,215.20 as outlined by our Engineer Thouvenot, Wade and Moerchen. Chairman Simmons asked for a motion. **A motion was made by Mr. Mosely and seconded by Mr. Markezich to award the project as bid to Hanks Excavating and Landscaping. The motion passed unanimous roll call vote.**

- Mr. Sharkey presented the bids for the Old Collinsville Rd Bike Trail Phase II. He advised there were two bidders DMS Contracting and Hanks Excavating. Mr. Sharkey recommended the project to be awarded to DMS in the amount of \$\$1,361,900.00 as outlined by our Engineer Thouvenot, Wade and Moerchen. Chairman Simmons asked for a motion. **A motion was made by Mr. Mosely and seconded by Mr. Markezich to award the project as bid to DMS Contracting. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.**

Under Old Business:

Bistate Budget Report

- Mr. Sharkey advised Mr. Roach and Ms. Fulbright were here to present further information regarding the Bistate Budget previously presented for approval and discussed at the July 20, 2021 SCCTD Board Meeting. Chairman Simmons open the floor for questions from the Board to the Bistate Staff. Mr. Markezich asked “Can you clarify the payment and to verify the number of buses and the hourly rate for the buses”. Mr. Roach responded and explained his views regarding Mr. Markezich’s question and also responded to SCCTD’s Memo report outlining cost and expenditures. Mr. Roach recommended he will have Ms. Fulbright and staff review and outline the SCCTD memo report and provided comments.
- Members of the Board asked about the security and the cost to operate the security on the Illinois side of the system. Mr. Roach went into detail and explained the cost and how the cost are divided between Missouri and Illinois. Mr. Sharkey outlined the GS4 officers have the ability to write tickets, which they are currently doing now. Mr. Simmons asked “Does SCCTD pay for the GS4 service now and Mr. Sharkey and Ms. Fulbright responded yes SCCTD does pay for the GS4 service on the Illinois side. Discussion went on regarding security and the cost for the MetroLink on both the Illinois and Missouri side.
- Mr. Sharkey advised the Board we are still waiting on our consultant MGT to finalize their report, but is unable, due to MGT is on hold until Bistate can provide the information request. Mr. Sharkey advised until then, SCCTD should keep the rates the same in FY22 as is FY21 for the hourly rates for the train and bus services. Mr. Simmons asked, what additional information is needed and Mr. Frederick responded and explained what information was needed with Mr. Roach and Ms Fulbright advising “provide a list and we will get you the information”.
- Mr. Sharkey reported the ridership today vs’s pre-covid is extremely lower. Mr. Roach agreed and further explained his rationale as to why the cost are what they are.
- Chairman Simmons asked what additional information is needed from Bistate and Mr. Wolf and Mr. Frederick responded what information is needed. Mr. Frederick explained that upon receipt and analysis of the information, a decision will be made to either ask for more or a report can be finalized, and a decision can be made at that time. Chairman Simmons commented to Mr. Roach the model being used needs to be looked at and advised SCCTD doesn’t want a free ride, we just want to pay our fair share.
- Chairman Kern asked how does St Louis County feel about the increase. Ms. Fulbright responded they have a 24% increase, but this is due to the increase in security cost. Mr. Roach further explained the increases and the security breakdown. Chairman Kern requested Mr. Roach provide a list of all St Clair County residents employed by BiState, their positions as well as their salaries. Mr. Roach responded he would work with his staff to obtain the information.
- Chairman Simmons requested Mr. Roach continue to work with Mr. Sharkey to obtain a resolution to the SCCTD concerns regarding the FY22 Bistate Budget.

- Chairman Simmons asked a motion from the Board for the Bistate Budget Approval. **A motion was made by Mr. Markezich and seconded by Mr. Mosley to not accept the FY22 Bistate Budget and to continue to pay the current bus and train rates of \$124.92 and \$661.21 per hour until the budget has been resolve. Roll call on the motion Mr. Markezich, Yes; Mr. Mosely, Yes; Ms. Perrin, Yes; Mr. Simmons, Abstain, motion approved with 3 vote yes and 1 abstain.**

There being no further business Chairman Simmons entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Mosely and Seconded by Mr. Markezich. The motion approved with an unanimous voice vote.

Next Board Meeting – **August 17, 2021** at 5:00 pm located at the SCCTD office at 27 North Illinois St, Belleville, Illinois. **Adjournment 5:14 pm**