

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
February 28, 2023**

Present:

Herb Simmons, Chairman
Lonnie Mosley, Trustee
George Markezich, Trustee
Toni Perrin, Trustee
John Baricevic, Attorney
Ken Sharkey, SCCTD Managing Director
Walter Jackson, Metro Superintendent, Illinois Garage
Jonathan Frederick, SCCTD
Mark Harrison, Gonzalez Engineering
Tony Erwin, SCCTD

Excused Absents:

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Simmons, at 5:00 pm. Chairman Simmons called the meeting to order and acknowledged Board Members present and the meeting has a quorum.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes:

- **A motion was made by Mr. Markezich and seconded by Mr. Mosley to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2023 Board Meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote.**

Introduction of Guests: Chairman Simmons introduced the guest, Mark Harrison with Gonzalez Engineering

Incoming Claims: None Reported

Reports:

- Mr. Sharkey
 - Mr. Sharkey attended a meeting with Citizens for Modern Transit to discuss future events.
 - Mr. Sharkey met with Chuck Stewart with Bistate for regular monthly meeting. He advised Tammy Fulbright with Bistate attended as well to discuss FY24 BSD Budget. He went on to say he is working thru issues Bistate regarding the proposed bus agreement for FY24.
 - Mr. Sharkey reported Mr. Erwin and he met with Day and Night Solar from Collinsville to discuss \$10.8 million State grant to electrify the ATS fleet of buses. He advised the

company has worked with the JJK Center in ESTL to install solar rooftop and carport solar panels.

- Mr. Sharkey reported he and staff attended 2 meetings with the partners participating in 5th & MO. Transit Transformation Stop.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he toured the Brentwood MO Bus garage to view electric charging stations.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he participated in two meetings with Ameren at the Illinois Bus garage along with Metro staff. He went on to report Ameren will need to analyze and upgrade the electric supply needs for the Illinois Bus garage to support the future ATS fleet.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he met with ATS leadership and a midwestern regional representative of Lighting Motors, a Colorado company supplying small electric buses.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he with Mayor Kupsky and his staff along with Matt Stines, Superintendent of Grant School District to discuss SCCTD grant award of a IDOT TAP Grant for a bike path on bunkum road.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he and Shelia Kimlinger met with Caseyville Township Supervisor Jim Krummrich to discuss a needed easement from Caseyville Township to utilize the IDOT TAP grant for a bike trail.
- Mr. Sharkey reported Ms. Etling and he attended the Career Fair Day held at McKendree University. He reported there were plenty of employer tables and few students attending.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended the monthly meeting of the Metro East Chamber of Commerce.
- Mr. Sharkey reported members of his staff and he interviewed STV Inc. who responded to an RFP for consulting services to assist SCCTD/ATS in electrifying the ATS Small bus fleet. He advised STV Inc contract is on the agenda for consideration.
- Mr. Sharkey advised a bid opening was held for the tree removal at Scheel Street area owned land, but sadly no bids were received.
- Mr. Sharkey advised a bid opening for construction of Old Collinsville Road Phase III. He advised the award to the low bid is on the agenda for consideration.
- Mr. Sharkey advised a bid opening for single track construction for MidAmerica Airport MetroLink Expansion was held at the SCCTD office. He advised the award to the low bid is on the agenda for consideration.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended a quarterly meeting with Chestnut Health Services to discuss their upcoming annual budget and staffing.

- Mr. Sharkey reported he met with members of the Belleville Rotary to discuss their idea of donating benches near bus stops in Belleville. He further advised SCCTD staff is checking on pricing for the benches and will get back to Rotary with further information.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended numerous meetings with Gonzalez Companies regarding the MetroLink Extension.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he attended the Southwestern Illinois Mayors meeting at the Americas Central Port. He reported the Madison County Transit provided a good presentation on their Bike trail system and their capital grant work in progress.
- Mr. Sharkey reported Mr. Pat Judge gave a good presentation to Local union leaders about the MetroLink Expansion. He went on the express his thanks to Mr. Markezich for organizing the event and Mr. Judge for his presentation.
- Mr. Sharkey reported we issued an RFP for SCCTD outside Auditor services. He reported only one response was received. He further reported Sheffel Boyle, who has been SCCTD Auditor for several years was the only respondent to the RFP. He advised SCCTD will continue this relationship with Sheffel Boyle.
- Mr. Sharkey advised the SCCTD bus service will increase in Sauget Industrial Park, Cahokia Heights, and Dupo. Also advised the #8 Alta Sita Bus riders will now be able to go to Walmart and Schnucks in Cahokia Heights. He reported these changes will go in effect on March 13, 2023.

- Mr. Baricevic

- Mr. Baricevic outlined the current status of the past incident that happened at the 5th & Missouri Station. He reported SCCTD will not be named in the suite.

- Walter Jackson

- Mr. Jackson outlined the upcoming March 13th Route Picks and the current labor needs and contract negotiations.

Old Business: None to report

New Business:

- Mr. Sharkey presented the TMW recommendation to award the low bidder Hanks Excavating and Landscaping for the Old Collinsville Road Phase III Trail Extension. **A motion was made by Mr. Markezich and seconded by Mr. Mosley to approve as presented. Chairman Simmons called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.**

- Mr. Sharkey presented TWM’s Construction Services Task Order Agreement for the Old Collinsville Road Phase III Trail Extension Project. **A motion was made by Mr. Markezich and seconded by Mr. Mosley to approve as presented. Chairman Simmons called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.**
- Mr. Sharkey presented STV’s contract agreement to complete a study to electrify the ATS Bus Fleet. Mr. Sharkey advised the agreement has been vetted by Mr. Baricevic and himself. **A motion was made by Mr. Markezich and seconded by Mr. Mosley to approve as presented. Chairman Simmons called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.**
- Mr. Harrison presented and outlined the Gonzalez Memorandum for the MetroLink Extension Tribal Monitoring funding approval. Mr. Harrison explained there are 10 tribes who potential could have ancestors in the area of the construction and SCCTD would be reimbursing the Tribes for their services during the 15 days of construction through the questionable areas. **A motion was made by Mr. Markezich and seconded by Mr. Mosley to approve as presented. Chairman Simmons called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.**
- Mr. Harrison presented and outlined the Gonzalez Memorandum for the recommendation to award to Plocher Construction contingent of the approval from IDOT for the MetroLink Extension Single Track Package. **A motion was made by Mr. Markezich and seconded by Mr. Mosley to approve as presented. Chairman Simmons called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.**
- Mr. Harrison presented and outlined the Gonzalez Memorandum for the recommendation to for the Tree Removal and Water Crossing Change Order. He went to report the cost of this change order is to install fencing around the potential tribal areas in question as well as to pay for the IDOT Bond. **A motion was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Mr. Markezich to approve as presented. Chairman Simmons called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.**
- Mr. Sharkey presented a letter of request from the Althoff Catholic High School for a retired ATS Van. **A motion was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Mr. Markezich to accept and place on file. Chairman Simmons called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.**

Board Member Comments:

- No comments.

There being no further business Chairman Simmons entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Ms. Perrin. Chairman Simmons called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

Next Board Meeting – **March 21, 2023** at 5:00 pm located at the SCCTD office at 27 North Illinois St, Belleville, Illinois.

Adjournment 5:32 pm