

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2023**

Present:

Herb Simmons, Chairman
Lonnie Mosley, Trustee
George Markezich, Trustee
John Baricevic, Attorney
Ken Sharkey, SCCTD Managing Director
Walter Jackson, Metro Superintendent, Illinois Garage
Hollie Etling, SCCTD
Jonathan Frederick, SCCTD
Tony Erwin, SCCTD
Corey Burries, ATS
Cinthia Lilly, ATS

Excused Absents:

Toni Perrin, Trustee

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 February 28, 2023 Board Meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote.**

Introduction of Guests: Chairman Simmons introduced the guest, Ms. Burries and Ms. Lilly

Incoming Claims: None Reported

Reports:

- Mr. Sharkey
 - Mr. Sharkey advised he participated in a zoom meeting with the Juneteenth Committee, which included Terrance and Stephanie Taylor, Jessica Moisinger and Shavon Wilson. He reported SCCTD hoping to have public event for 5th & MO Transit Stop Transformation on the Saturday before Juneteenth Holiday.

- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended a meeting with Herb Simmons, and Kevin Scott and Vern Summers of Metro to discuss improving the oversight of security on the Illinois MetroLink alignment.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he participated with Citizens for Modern Transit 2nd annual event College Transit Challenge to promote college students to ride on transit. He continued by reporting the event had excellent TV, print media and social platforms exposure.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he coordinated a meeting with ATS leadership and local representatives of Enterprise Leasing to formulate a plan to retire older higher milage ATS Buses. He advised this topic is an action item for the Board on the agenda tonight.
- Mr. Sharkey reported Mr. Frederick and Mr. Rob Wilson with ATS attended a 2-day annual conference of Rural Transportation Assistance Center in Springfield. He added he personally attended the first day of the event. He went on to say this annual event is a good opportunity for our personnel to network with IDOT Transit officials.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he and staff continues to meet with CMT and Trivers Architects to finalize design of 5th and MO Transit Stop Transformation.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he and staff attended several meetings with Native American Tribes, Gonzalez Companies, and WSP to arrange for Tribes supervising some excavations on the new MetroLink construction defined areas.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he attended a meeting with CMT and Hauser Group to discuss preliminary plans for the future MetroLink Extension groundbreaking. He reported no date has been set yet.
- Mr. Sharkey reported on March 13th new expanded and more frequent bus service began in Sauget Industrial Park, Cahokia Heights. He advised this service will provide better access to the retail businesses to the Alta Sita Route. He went on to say the current #9 Washington Park Bus will now include the Washington Park MetroLink Station.
- Mr. Sharkey presented the Bus Ridership report and advised ridership was up over 20% in Illinois.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended a planning meeting with CMT for the May 20th event to promote SCCTD Bike and Pedestrian Trails and promoting Summer Trailing program. He advised Ms. Etling has been assigned the role to coordinate this effort.
- Mr. Sharkey advised ATS and SCCTD staff attended a Kickoff meeting with STV Consultants who were hired to assist in Electrifying the ATS Bus fleet using the State \$11.5 million Grants.
- Mr. Sharkey reported on March 16th, SCCTD hosted Bake Potato Day for the drivers at the Illinois Garage. He added is a was well attended by the staff.

- Mr. Baricevic
 - Nothing to report.
- Walter Jackson
 - Mr. Jackson outlined the current driver status. He advised they recently graduated 10 people and interviewed 18 new drivers.

Old Business: None to report

New Business:

- Mr. Sharkey presented the Shafer Excavating Proposal to raze the building at 610 Benton St. and clearing the trees on the adjacent lot. Mr. Markezich asked a PLA be required as part of the award. **A motion was made by Mr. Markezich and seconded by Mr. Mosley to approve as presented with the requirement a PLA is included. Chairman Simmons called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.**
- Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined the Enterprise Lease Holding Vehicle Agreement for 13 ATS vehicles. Mr. Sharkey advised this is the quickest way to replace the high mileage vans we have in our fleet. Mr. Simmons asked who would be maintaining the vehicles and he responded the mechanics at the Illinois Garage. **A motion was made by Mr. Mosely 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 and outlined the 2024 Bistate ATS Service and Maintenance Agreement and recommended for approval. 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 vote, Mr. Markezich and Mr. Mosely approved motion. The motion passed.**
- Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined the 2024 Bistate Rail Service and Maintenance Agreement and recommended for approval. 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 vote, Mr. Markezich and Mr. Mosely approved motion. The motion passed.**
- Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined the 2024 Bistate Bus Service and Maintenance Agreement and advised he does not recommend the agreement for approval. Mr. Sharkey advised and recommended to submit a letter from SCCTD advising a 90 day cancelation to Bistate, which is per the contract. Mr. Baricevic advised if we do not submit the 90-day cancelation letter to Bistate the old agreement would stay in affect for the next year. **A motion was made by Mr. Markezich and seconded by Mr. Mosley to submit the 90 Day Cancelation letter as recommended. Chairman Simmons called for a vote, Mr. Markezich and Mr. Mosely approved motion. 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. Markezich and seconded by Mr. Mosley. Chairman Simmons called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

Next Board Meeting – **April 18, 2023** at 5:00 pm located at the SCCTD office at 27 North Illinois St, Belleville, Illinois.

Adjournment 5:41 pm