

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
May 16, 2023**

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Present:

Herb Simmons, Chairman
Lonnie Mosley, Trustee
Toni Perrin, Trustee
George Markezich, Trustee
John Baricevic, Attorney
Ken Sharkey, SCCTD Managing Director
Chairman Mark Kern, SCC
Pat Judge, Gonzalez
Mark Harrison, Gonzalez
Hollie Etling, SCCTD
Jonathan Frederick, SCCTD
Tony Erwin, SCCTD

Excused Absents:

Walter Jackson, Metro Superintendent, Illinois Garage

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. Mosely and seconded by Mr. Markezich to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2023, Board Meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote.**
- **A motion was made by Mr. Mosely and seconded by Mr. Markezich to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2023, Special Board Meeting. Chairman Simmons abstained from the vote. The motion passed with a voice vote.**

Introduction of Guests: St Clair County Board Chairman Mark Kern, Pat Judge, Mark Harrison

Incoming Claims: None Reported

Reports:

- Mr. Sharkey
 - M. Sharkey reported he attended the Quarterly meeting of the Illinois Public Transportation Association in Springfield.

- Mr. Sharkey advised he coordinated a meeting with TWM and SCCTD staff to review current plans for future bike trail construction.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he attended a meeting of the Belleville Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He further reported Gonzalez Companies presented the MetroLink Extension to MidAmerica Airport. He added by saying, nice job by Gonzalez team.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended the quarterly meeting led by Bi-State/Metro concerning the Chestnut Health Services,
- Mr. Sharkey reported he was selected to be a panelist on a Talking Transit event, which is a quarterly event sponsored by Citizens for Modern Transit. He went on to say the topic was transit transformation stops regarding Emerson Park, Belleville, and 5th & MO Stations were highlighted.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended several MetroLink Expansions meetings.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he attended two STV Consultant meetings with ATS for the purpose of getting ready for Battery Electric Buses.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he toured the Maintenance Shed at the Grant Junior High School in Fairview Heights for comparative ideas for future SCCTD Maintenance Shed. He continued by thanking George for attending the tour.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended two IDOT Transportation Planning Meetings for upcoming Grant awards. He continued by saying SCCTD is expected to receive \$1.2 Million for 6 more electric Buses for ATS. He said the final award of the grant is pending approval of East West Gateway Board in August.
- Mr. Sharkey reported Mike Buehlhorn facilitated a meeting with Ameren executives to resolve access of the levy controlled by Ameren for Riverfront Trail from East St. Louis to the McKinley Bridge. He said a part of the funding for this trail is from MERPD and was allocated 8 years ago. He said a decision from Ameren is pending.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he has been involved in in some planning meetings for “Day on the Trails” and kicking off the “Summer Riding Program.” He said the event is this coming Saturday from 9:00 am to noon. He provided a copy of the Media alert. He also acknowledged and thanked Ms. Etling who been instrumental in the planning and organizing the event.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended meetings with numerous agencies involved in planning the SAFB Air Show. He said the Metro Buses and trains were vital to the success of the event since only 8,000 parking spaces were permitted on SAFB.

- Mr. Sharkey advised SCCTD to provide meeting space for the Violence Prevention Center 4-hour presentation on their program. He said most of the Chestnut team attended along with Mr. Drisdell and himself in attendance.
- Mr. Sharkey reported SCCTD held a small celebratory luncheon for the Chestnut team being fully staffed now. He reported beginning in July from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm the Chestnut team will add MetroLink trains in Illinois. He added if Metro can supply another Metro TSM an additional team will begin riding Metro # 1 Bus (State & Main) this bus carries 35% of all SCCTD Bus riders.
- Mr. Sharkey reported Juneteenth, which is the Holiday on July 19th, will be a planting day at 5th & MO. He advised the landscape planting will be the first of two phases for the Transit Transformation Stop improvements at this station.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he listened to a quarterly Transit Advisory Work Group Quarterly Zoom call. He advised the group consists of Metro Security and other parties that use or support Metro Transit. He added he heard reports that Metro is experiencing some issues with some TVM's (Ticket Vending Machines). He also added if riders can't buy fare, then fare enforcers don't write tickets.
- Mr. Sharkey reported the Illinois EPA conducted a final inspection of the former Mike Bach property near the Belleville Station. He advised the property is now compliant with all regulations and no fines have been assessed. He advised Hanks Excavating did a fine job addressing the issues as well as Tony Erwin coordinating the work.
- Mr. Sharkey handed out Metro Ridership reports to the Board Members and advised Illinois bus ridership was up 21% compared to the same 9-month period from previous year. He also reported Missouri ridership is up 6.6% over the same period. He advised the Illinois Metro garage is doing a very good job.
- Mr. Baricevic
 - Mr. Baricevic reported the Caseyville Twp Bike Trail Agreement should be approved next month. Mr. Sharkey explained the bike trail project pertaining to the project.
- Walter Jackson

Old Business: None to report

New Business:

- Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined the TWM Task Order for the Fairview Heights Bunkum Road Trail Phase1 Design. Chairman Simmons asked for a motion. **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 the Ameren cost estimate for the gas main relocation increase and turned it over to Mr. Judge to outline. Mr. Judge outlined and explained Amerens cost increase and why it is more than double than what was previously estimated. Mr. Harrison advised the relocation must take place or the project cannot move forward. Further discussion regarding the cost was the where the additional funds would come from. Mr. Sharkey advised Bistate still has the funds allocated to St. Clair County Transit. It was discussed to commit and spend down the remaining funds to the project first and use all other committed dollars after the funds were expended as well as Mr. Sharkey is to prepare a letter to Bistate CEO Taulby Roach with the request. Chairman Simmons asked if they wanted to have the funds as a motion.
 - **A motion was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Ms. Perrin to obligate the Covid Funds to the MAA Extension Project first and Mr. Sharkey prepare a resolution to be voted on by the SCCTD Board and forward to Bistate CEO. Chairman Simmons called for a voice vote, all in favor. Chairman Simmons abstained from the vote. The motion passed.**
 - **A motion was made by Mr. Markezich and seconded by Mr. Mosley to approve the Ameren additional cost as presented. Chairman Simmons called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.**
- Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined the MRTD one (1) year request within SCCTD’s service area. Mr. Sharkey advised if approved and would monitor and report back to the Board. **A motion was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Mr. Markezich to approve MRTD request for 1 year. 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. Markezich and seconded by Mr. Mosley. Chairman Simmons called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

Next Board Meeting – **June 20, 2023** at 5:00 pm located at the SCCTD office at 27 North Illinois St, Belleville, Illinois.

Adjournment 5:34 pm