

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
June 20, 2023**

Present:

Herb Simmons, Chairman
Lonnie Mosley, Trustee
Toni Perrin, Trustee
George Markezich, Trustee
Sally Rodriguez
Ken Sharkey, SCCTD Managing Director
Pat Judge, Gonzalez Engineering
Mark Harrison, Gonzalez Engineering
Walter Jackson, Metro Superintendent, Illinois Garage
Tony Erwin, SCCTD

Excused Absents:

John Baricevic, Attorney
Walter Jackson, Metro Superintendent, Illinois Garage

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Simmons, at 5:00 pm.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes:

- **A motion was made by Mr. Mosely and seconded by Mr. Markezich to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2023 Board Meeting. Chairman Simmons called for a roll call vote, Markezich, yes; Mosely, yes; Rodriguez, yes; Perrin, yes; Simmons, yes. The motion passed.**

Introduction of Guests: Chairman Simmons recognized Mr. Judge and Mr. Harrison from Gonzalez Engineering

Incoming Claims: Mr. Sharkey advised the Board of a lawsuit claim filed regarding an accident on the Bike Trail. He went on to say it would be further discussed later in the meeting.

Reports:

- Mr. Sharkey
 - Mr. Sharkey reported that Rob Wilson and he attended the Quarterly Meeting for Human Services Transportation Program in Mt Vernon. He added the organization is led by IDOT contractors servicing downstate transportation agencies.

- Mr. Sharkey reported, Mr. Erwin and he met with BSD Engineers to review the list of approved capital projects pending in Illinois.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he attended the monthly East West Gateway Advisory Committee Meeting.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he attended the Bi-Monthly Webinar Hosted by IDOT for Urban Transit Districts.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he attended two meetings with Gonzalez to review the status of MetroLink Expansion project.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he, Mike Buelhorn and Mr. Erwin met with Arcturis Design Company to discuss professional sign design for SCCTD Bike trail system.
- Mr. Sharkey reported the attended the monthly meeting with STV consultant who is performing the analysis regarding the Zero Emission Bus for ATS Fleet.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he toured the construction of the new Tyson plant in Caseyville. He further added, Tyson is designing a bus turnaround lane for SCCTD to help provide transit for some of the 600 anticipated employees.
- Mr. Sharkey reported the attended a retirement event for Metro's 37-year Metro Employee Darren Currey.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he had his monthly meeting with Metro Executive Chuck Stewart. He added the meeting was held on the Metro #15 Bus, which serves Shiloh and O'Fallon.
- Mr. Sharkey reported, Mr. Markezich, Mr. Buelhorn and himself toured the MCT Bike Trail Maintenance facility in Edwardsville.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended several meetings with Citizens for Modern Transit, Mr. Erwin and Metro to plan for Transit Transformation Stop at 5th & MO.
- Mr. Sharkey reported yesterday SCCTD, CMT, and the other funding partners conducted a planting day for new landscaping at 5th & MO. He added Mr. Erwin was instrumental with leading the contractual workforce and landscaping while Kim Cella and Sheila Holm organized the volunteers and social media coverage.
- Mr. Sharkey advised ATS provided the Trolley Bus for the Saturday Juneteenth Celebration in East St. Louis. Participants enjoyed the cooling bus.
- Mr. Sharkey reported, Mark Harrison and he met with SCI Engineers at Gonzalez's O'Fallon Office and in the field observing the extra work being done. He added, we reviewed the archaeological dig to satisfy the Native American Tribes to obtain a Corps of Engineers permit.
- Mr. Sharkey advised the SCCTD Ambassadors supported "Dump the Pump" transit promotion organized by CMT.

Chairman asked for a motion to approve Mr. Sharkey reported and it be placed on file. Motion was made by Mr. Mosely and seconded by Mr. Markezich to approve as presented. Chairman Simmons called for a voice vote. The motion passed.

- Mr. Baricevic
 - Nothing to report.
- Walter Jackson – Nothing to report

Old Business: - Nothing to report.

New Business:

- Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined the Bi-State Development Project Funding Request for the CP_15196_0401 and CP_8358_1301 – SCADA System Upgrades 2022 and SCADA Hardening. Mr. Sharkey advised the Board originally approved a match of \$154,413.80 and BSD has requested to increa

A motion was made by Mr. Markezich and seconded by Mr. Mosley to reject the requests for additional matching funds and only pay what was originally requested and approved. Chairman Simmons called for a roll call vote, Markezich, yes; Mosely, yes; Rodriquez, yes; Perrin, yes; Simmons, abstained. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented to the Board the Sonnenberg 2023 Trail Sealing Proposal to seal the trail from Memorial Station to Fairview Heights Station. Mr. Markezich moved to table the project be tabled until after we have advertised for bids.

A motion was made by Mr. Markezich and seconded by Ms. Rodriquez to table the project until bids have been obtained. Chairman Simmons called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined the Arcturis Trail Sign Work Authorization. Mr. Erwin further explained the Arcturis would be analyzing our current trail signs and designing a uniform trail sign system to better denote the SCCTD trail system. Mr. Markezich asked if the would be a barcode system on the trail people to click on to get information and Mr. Erwin advised that is our goal.

A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Markezich to approve the Work Authorization upon approval from Mr. Sharkey and Mr. Baricevic. Chairman Simmons called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined the Ehret proposal to replace the HVAC units at Belleville Station. Mr. Markezich asked why these were not considered when SCCTD remodeled the station. Mr. Erwin advised it was a part of the remodel work to clean and service the units. Mr. Erwin went on to say the compressor on the unit that takes care of the lobby was recently fixed, but the contractor advised these units are old and should be considered for replacement. Mr. Erwin further added there is a 10 plus week delivery time after the units have been ordered.

A motion was made by Mr. Markezich and seconded by Mr. Mosley to table this work until bids have been received. Chairman Simmons called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined the TWM Fairview Heights Swansea Trail Extension Design Task Order.

A motion was made by Mr. Markezich and seconded by Ms. Perrin to approve the TWM Task Order as presented. Chairman Simmons called for a roll call vote, Markezich, yes; Mosely, yes; Rodriquez, yes; Perrin, yes; Simmons, yes. . The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented an outlined the MEPRD Grant Resolution 2023-6-20-B.

A motion was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez to approve Resolution 2023-6-20-B. Chairman Simmons called for a roll call vote, Markezich, Abstained; Mosely, yes; Rodriquez, yes; Perrin, yes; Simmons, yes. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined the Hanks proposal to clean up the bike trail bridge cone that is adjacent to the MetroLink Tracks across 159 in Swansea. Mr. Simmons asked why isn't BSD taking care of this work and Mr. Erwin advised the agreement between BSD and SCCTD required SCCTD to take care of the area. The question was asked who takes care of the slope on the west side of Rt 159 adjacent to the old Dairy Queen. Mr. Erwin replied, SCCTD maintains the slope.

A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Ms. Perrin to approve the Hanks proposal as presented. Chairman Simmons called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined Resolution 2023-6-20-A to appropriate the Illinois Allocated Funding being Administered by BSD.

A motion was made by Mr. Markezic and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez to approve Resolution 2023-6-20-A. Chairman Simmons called for a roll call vote, Markezich, yes; Mosely, absent Rodriquez, yes; Perrin, yes; Simmons, Abstained. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented to the Board the Bids for the MetroLink Extension Systems Package and advised Mr. Judge and Mr. Harrison are here to present and outline the bids. Mr. Judge and Mr. Harrison presented the bids and advised Gonzalez has reviewed the bids and recommended upon approval from IDOT to award the Systems Package to LC Comstock.

A motion was made by Mr. Markezich and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez to approve the low bid contractor LC Comstock as presented by Gonzalez Engineering upon review and approval by IDOT. Chairman Simmons called for a roll call vote, Markezich, yes; Mosely, absent Rodriquez, yes; Perrin, yes; Simmons, yes. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented the Phase 3 recovery additional funding request by WSP as requested by their subcontractor in the amount up to \$100,000. Mr. Judge and Mr. Harrison further outlined and explained what the additional funds were to be used for.

A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Markezich to approve the request as presented. Chairman Simmons called for a roll call vote, Markezich, yes; Mosely, absent Rodriquez, yes; Perrin, yes; Simmons, yes. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined SCCVAC request for transportation support to provide transportation for Veterans to the Missouri's National Veterans Memorial in Perryville MO.

A motion was made by Mr. Markezich and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez to refer to SCCTD Legal Counsel for further review and comment if the request is in compliance with Federal Regulations. Chairman Simmons called for a roll call vote, Markezich, yes; Mosely, absent Rodriquez, yes; Perrin, yes; Simmons, yes. 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 Ms. Rodriguez. Chairman Simmons called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.**
- Next Board Meeting – **July 18, 2023** at 5:00 pm located at the SCCTD office at 27 North Illinois St, Belleville, Illinois.
- **Adjournment 6:14 pm**