

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
July 18, 2023**

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**Present:**

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

**Excused Absents:**

**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. Markezich and seconded by Mr. Mosley to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2023, Board Meeting. Chairman Simmons called for a roll call vote, Markezich, yes; Mosely, yes; Rodriquez, yes; Perrin, yes; Simmons, yes. The motion passed.**

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

**Incoming Claims:** Nothing to Report

**Reports:**

- Mr. Sharkey
  - Mr. Sharkey advised he attended a meeting with IDOT and Shelia from TWM. He reported the purpose of the meeting was to review ITEP Grant Application that was not funded for I-64 and Bunkum Road bridge. We learned how to improve scoring on the next application in 2024.

- Mr. Sharkey reported he continues to meet with STV on Battery Electric Bus for ATS Fleet.
- Mr. Sharkey reported Mr. Erwin and he prepared the paperwork for IDOT two (2) CMAQ Grants to be awarded by EWGW. He advised there is one (1) more submitted Grant is pending processing.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he participated in a couple of meetings with Metro for the Secure Platform Project relating to Emerson Park.
- Mr. Sharkey advised Mr. Erwin and he had a couple of meetings with Throttlenet regarding SCCTD and ATS information technology security. Throttlenet would strengthen our IT system top make it more secure. He continued by saying Throttlenet would put in place security protocols to prevent hacking our IT system to prevent entities trying to hijack our system and wanting a ransom for our own data.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he continues to meet on MidAmerica Airport Extension.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he met with Rob Wilson with ATS and Metro Bus fleet supervisors to review current and future ATS fleet operation.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended the IPTA quarterly Board meeting in Springfield.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he met with Rob Wilson with ATS and Enterprise Leasing to discuss 5 small new buses vehicles scheduled to arrive in October 2023. He added these new bus arrivals will be the first in the state of Illinois since the pandemic began.
- Mr. Shakey advised he has been involved with team members on unveiling of the new Transit Transformation Stop at 5<sup>th</sup> and MO. He reported the event planned for Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. He added Senator Belt and Chairman Simmons will be speaking at the event.
- Mr. Sharkey presented the Annual Ridership report. He advised, Illinois bus ridership is up over 3 times the rate of Missouri. as well as Illinois Metro Train is up more than Missouri. Mr. Simmons suggested to prepare a media outreach noting St Clair County ridership gains.

**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
  - Mr. Baricevic reported the Insurance company is handling the complaint regarding a lawsuit with alleged injury on the bike trail.
- Walter Jackson
  - Mr. Jackson advised they continue to put on Hiring Events, which there is one coming up on August 3, 2023. He also reported contract negotiations are going well and anticipates a settlement.

## Old Business:

- 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. He reported it was referred to Mr. Baricevic for a legal opinion. Mr. Baricevic provided a legal outline and opinion of the requests. Chairman Simmons recommended Mr. Baricevic prepare and send a letter to the organization denying the request.

**A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Markezich to deny the request and have SCCTD Legal Counsel prepare a letter and send to SCCVAC. Chairman Simmons called for a roll call vote, Markezich, yes; Mosely, yes; Rodriquez, yes; Perrin, yes; Simmons, yes. The motion passed.**

## New Business:

- Mr. Sharkey and Mr. Harrison presented and outlined the MetroLink Extension Access Roadway Bids and recommended the low bidder as per the Memo of Award presented by Gonzalez Engineering.

**A motion was made by Mr. Markezich and seconded by Mr. Mosley to award the project to the low bidder as presented and outlined per the Memo of Award. Chairman Simmons called for a roll call vote, Markezich, yes; Mosely, yes; Rodriquez, yes; Perrin, yes; Simmons, abstained. The motion passed.**

- Mr. Sharkey and Mr. Harrison presented and outlined MetroLink Extension Single Track IDNR Requirements for additional construction cost. Mr. Harrison advised due to the IDNR requirements additional box culverts will need to be installed at a cost of not to exceed \$3 million dollars. In addition the IDNR the compensatory storage requirement per St Clair County will cost up to \$4.2 million depending on the hauling distance. Mr. Harrison reported MAA would like the excavated material hauled to the south side of the complex for future work. Mr. Harrison also reported for the previously approved \$100K for the cultural phase III resources work only \$77K was spent.

**A motion was made by Mr. Markezich and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez to approve the not to exceed cost of 3 million for the box culverts and table the compensatory storage cost until further discussions have been made with MidAmerica and the SCC Chairman. Chairman Simmons called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.**

- Mr. Sharkey presented Down State Operating Assistance Program Resolution IL2023-7-18 for the 2024 Program.

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

- Mr. Sharkey presented Down State Operating Assistance Program Opinion of Counsel for the 2024 Program.

**A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Markezich to approved as presented. Chairman Simmons called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.**

- Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined the 2023 Trail Sealing Project and recommended award to the only and low bid to Sonneberg Asphalt Co.

**A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Mosley to approve the award the project to Sonneberg Asphalt Co. Chairman Simmons called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.**

- Mr. Sharkey presented an outlined the Belleville Station HVAC Replacement Project and recommended to low bidder, Baer Heating & Cooling be awarded the project.

**A motion was made by Mr. Markezich and seconded by Mr. Mosley to approve to approve the award the project to Baer Heating & Cooling. Chairman Simmons called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.**

- Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined the requirement for and Local Government Decennial Efficiency Committee per Illinois Code 50 ILCS 7d. Mr. Baricevic further outlined and said SCCTD would require 3 individuals every 10 years to review report the efficiency of SCCTD. Chairman Simmons recommended the issue be tabled until a committee of people could be presented and approved.

**A motion was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez to table the topic as discussed. 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 Ms. Rodriguez. Chairman Simmons called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.**
- Next Board Meeting – **August 15, 2023**, at 5:00 pm located at the SCCTD office at 27 North Illinois St, Belleville, Illinois.
- **Adjournment 5:32 pm**