

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
August 15, 2023**

Present:

Herb Simmons, Chairman
Lonnie Mosley, Trustee
George Markezich, Trustee
Sally Rodriguez, Trustee
Ken Sharkey, SCCTD Managing Director
John Baricevic, Attorney
Walter Jackson, Metro Superintendent, Illinois Garage
Alex Garrett, SCCTD
Hollie Etling, SCCTD
Tony Erwin, SCCTD

Excused Absents:

Toni Perrin, Trustee

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 Ms. Rodriguez to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2023, Board Meeting. Chairman Simmons called for a voice vote. The motion passed.**

Introduction of Guests: None

Incoming Claims: Nothing to Report

Reports:

- Mr. Sharkey
 - Mr. Sharkey reported he continues to meet with STV Consultants on plan to convert some of the fleet to Battery Electric buses. He added, Representatives from STV will be in the Transit District on August 23rd and said we are getting closer to obtaining a final recommendation report.
 - Mr. Sharkey reported Rob Wilson and he recently met with Enterprise Leasing representatives. He said ATS should be receiving 5 new vehicles in the October time frame. He went on to say, this is especially noteworthy, because no Illinois or Missouri transit providers have been able to obtain new vehicles due to supply chain issues. He added that SCCTD and ATS will be the first recipients of new shorter bus rolling stock.

- Mr. Sharkey reported he met with Stacy Nonn at Chestnut Health Services to assist her organization with a “Needs Assessment” to enable Chestnut to receive more outside grant funding.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended a bid opening for repairs to Bike Trail bridge. He also thanked Mr. Markezich for attending the bid opening.
- Attended a virtual meeting with IDOT and Gonzalez company to brief IDOT on MetroLink Extension project. IDOT is quite impressed with the current construction progress. Some IDOT officials expressed an interest in visiting the construction site soon.
- SCCTD met with TWM to discuss bike trail design work and future bidding schedules.
- Mr. Sharkey reported Mr. Erwin and he attended a planning meeting with Citizens for Modern Transit to discuss future projects and events. He said one of the topics discussed was next years’ planned Transit Stop Transformation project for the Fairview Heights MetroLink Station. He added, there will be more information to share with the Board at the September meeting.
- Mr. Sharkey advised the Board he met with BSD CEO Taulby Roach last Friday. He said one of the important topics discussed was the need to get a finalized agreement with BSD to occupy space on the first floor of the new Public Safety Building at Emerson Park. He said BSD space is 30% of the building office space and expected them to be reimbursing SCCTD approximately \$4.5 million for construction of their space. SCCTD will need to reach agreement also on utility, janitorial and maintenance cost sharing of BSD occupied space. He added Mr. Baricevic has been assisting SCCTD with proper documentation to finalize an agreement.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he recently inquired to Metro Engineering about the status of the Swansea Parking lot resurfacing requested by SCCTD last year. He said he was informed the project was not publicly bid until this summer and no bids were received. He expressed disappointed to hear it was not bid until late summer and they received no contractor bids. He added, SCCTD has worked with BSD to upgrade one MetroLink parking lot every year and this will be the first year no MetroLink Parking lot is being upgraded. He further advised, in prior years, SCCTD has upgraded 5th & MO, Emerson Park, Belleville, and Fairview Heights parking lots.
- Mr. Sharkey reported SCCTD received good news a \$300K Grant was awarded by MERPD for construction of a ¾ mile bike trail on a section of an old trolley line in Fairview Heights.
- Mr. Sharkey advised the Board Members have in their packets information on two upcoming events which he welcome them to participate in.
- Mr. Sharkey report, SCCTD is hosting an Appreciation Event at the Illinois Bus Facility in East St. Louis this Thursday. He added Mr. Erwin and the Ambassadors are grilling Brauts and serving chips with a small dessert. 11:30 pm to 2:00 pm at the outside pavilion near the parking lot.

- Mr. Sharkey reported Citizens for Modern Transportation is holding its annual meeting and awards Ceremony with lunch provided in Downtown St. Louis on Friday September 15th. He advised Ms. Etling will be providing Kim Cella with our headcount, so please let us know if you will be attending.
- Mr. Sharkey reported Governor Pritzker will be receiving an award for providing Illinois Rebuild Capital funding for transit projects. He added he was not sure if the Governor will be in attendance.

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
 - Mr. Jackson advised the Union Accepted the Contract.

Old Business: Nothing to report

New Business:

- Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined the 2023 Bike Trail NSRR Bridge Deck Replacement Project bids. He advised per the bids opened and Hanks Excavating and Landscaping was the low bidder and recommended the Board to Award.

A motion was made by Mr. Markezich and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez to award the project to Hanks Excavating and Landscaping Inc. Chairman Simmons called for voice vote. The Motion Passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined the Contractors Extension Request for the Old Collinsville Road Phase III Project. Mr. Markezich asked will this be a problem due to the issue with the Contractor from Phase II. Mr. Sharkey advised the contractor for Phase II did not submit a written request for an extension. Mr. Sharkey advised the current Phase III under construction was put under an aggressive completion timeline, understanding possible extension requested. Mr. Erwin advised it is a 30 day extension request for the project and recommended the extension be granted.

A motion was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez to approve the extension request as presented. Chairman Simmons called for a voice. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined the Bistate Funding request CP 97980 1101 for the Illinois Bus Garage In Ground Lift.

A motion was made by Mr. Markezich and seconded by Mr. Mosley to approve the request as presented. Chairman Simmons called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined the Bistate Funding request CP 33218 0901 for the Illinois Bus Facility Man Lift Replacement.

A motion was made by Mr. Markezich and seconded by Mr. Mosley to approve the request as presented. 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 Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Mosley. Chairman Simmons called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.**
- Next Board Meeting – **September 19, 2023**, at 5:00 pm located at the SCCTD office at 27 North Illinois St, Belleville, Illinois.
- **Adjournment 5:32 pm**