

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
January 16, 2024**

Present:

Herb Simmons, Chairman
Lonnie Mosley, Trustee
George Markezich, Trustee
Derienzia Johnson, Trustee
John Baricevic, Attorney
Ken Sharkey, SCCTD Managing Director
Hollie Etling, SCCTD

Excused Absents:

Sally Rodriguez, Trustee
Tony Erwin, SCCTD

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.

Approval of Minutes:

- **A motion was made by Mr. Markezich and seconded by Dr. Johnson to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2023 Board Meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote.**

Introduction of Guests: None

Public Comment: None

Incoming Claims: None Reported

Reports:

- Mr. Sharkey
 - Mr. Sharkey reported that he has attended 3 meetings for the MidAmerica MetroLink Extension.
 - Mr. Sharkey reported he had a brief meeting with Taulby Roach in his office. One topic included pending lease for space in the new Public Safety Building.

- Mr. Sharkey advised he met with Tammy Fullbright. She introduced him to her new Department Director of Revenue, Lasilvia Franklin. Mr. Sharkey expressed his concern of maintenance on older TVM's ticket machines until new TVM's arrive in 18 to 20 months. Encouraged Bi-State to get FY 25 Budget proposal to SCCTD very soon.
 - Mr. Sharkey reported that he had a meeting with Bi-State Development including Tom Curran, Bill Dee, and Deborah Rowley to discuss Bi-State's oversight of \$2.3 million in CMAQ funding for ATS battery electric vehicles. Mr. Sharkey stated that Tom and his team were helpful.
 - Mr. Sharkey reported that he had a meeting with Ameren Electric to coordinate a new service coming into the Illinois Metro Bus Facility to accommodate adequate energy needs for the future ATS electric fleet.
 - Mr. Sharkey reported he attended 2 meetings with Poettker Construction regarding the Public Safety Building which included site inspection.
 - Mr. Sharkey advised that he met with TWM and staff to review current and upcoming bike trail construction.
 - Mr. Sharkey advised that he attended an Illinois Transportation Planning Committee meeting organized by East-West Gateway, IDOT and chaired by Norm Etling.
 - Mr. Sharkey reported that he and Mrs. Etling met with the trainer from The Pryor Company from Kansas City. He advised that SCCTD is preparing for a training seminar to be held on February 8th at the Holiday Inn in Fairview Heights, IL. The course is titled, "Dealing with Difficult People" and there will be 30 attendees in the class, mostly from the ATS workforce.
- Mr. Baricevic
 - Mr. Baricevic reported the insurance company is preparing a motion to dismiss regarding the lawsuit surrounding the citizen on the bike trail that was injured after encountering wildlife.
 - Mr. Baricevic advised that prior to the completion of the Emerson Park Public Safety Building, agreements between the St. Clair County Transit District and the St. Clair County Sheriff's Office, Bi-State Development Agency and CENCOM need to be fully executed before move in. Mr. Baricevic stated this is necessary to detail and limit liability for the employees of the above-mentioned agencies.

Old Business:

- Mr. Markezich stated that he researched the John Deere Gator and found one that would cost around \$5,000 less than the one presented at the December meeting.

Mr. Markezich made a motion and seconded by Mr. Mosley to purchase the newly presented John Deere Gator. Chairman Simmons called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

New Business:

- Mr. Sharkey presented the Tecklenburg Dutch Hollow Road contractor construction access proposal. Mr. Sharkey informed the Board that this will be done to alleviate heavy construction traffic from 66th St.

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

- Mr. Sharkey presented the Bistate Funding Request for Project ID CP_22195_1301 Emerson Park OCC Equipment. Mr. Sharkey advised that the request is for \$40,935, 5% local match, for design and construction of redundant Operation Control Center at the new Public Safety Building at Emerson Park. The total projected cost of the project is \$818,700.

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

- Mr. Sharkey presented the Bistate Funding Request for Illinois Bus Garage Cameras. Mr. Sharkey advised the request is for Bistate to upgrade the camera system at the Illinois Metro Bus Facility in the amount of \$55,000 in local funding with a total project cost of \$222,000.

Mr. Markezich made a motion and seconded by Mr. Mosley to approve the funding 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 Mr. Mosley and seconded by Dr. Johnson. Chairman Simmons called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

Next Board Meeting – **February 20, 2024** at 5:00 pm located at the SCCTD office at 27 North Illinois St, Belleville, Illinois.

Adjournment 5:35 pm