

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
November 19, 2024**

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Present:

George Markezich, Chairman
Lonnie Mosley, Trustee
Derienzia Johnson, Trustee
Ken Sharkey, SCCTD Managing Director
John Baricevic, Attorney
Mark Harrison, Gonzalez
Jon Schaller, Gonzalez
Tony Erwin, SCCTD

Excused Absents:

Sally Rodriguez, Trustee
Patty Gregory, Trustee

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Markezich, at 5:00 pm. called for a roll call for all Board Members, Mosley, present; Rodriquez, Absent; Johnson, present; Gregory, absent; Markezich, present; the meeting has and official quorum.

Approval of Minutes:

- **A motion was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the minutes of the October 15th regular Board Meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote.**

Introduction of Guests: Mark Harrison, Jon Schaller

Public Comment: None

Incoming Claims: None Reported

Reports:

Ken Sharkey:

- Mr. Sharkey advised he attended the East West Gateway Advisory Meeting and later the 59th Annual Awards ceremony.

- Mr. Sharkey reported he met with Gonzalez Company Electrical Engineer to plan for downstream electrical service required at Illinois Bus Garage to power future Battery Electric Buses for ATS.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended two Gonzalez meetings for MetroLink Extension.
- Mr. Sharkey advised Mr. Harrison conducted a tour of Metrolink Extension project for Taulby Roach and other BSD executives. He said he would like to do the same for the SCCTD Board Members prior to the project being completed.
- Mr. Sharkey reported He, Mr. Erwin and TWM met with Stutz Excavating for a Liberty Heights Trail pre-construction meeting. He said the construction is scheduled to begin in January 2025.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he met with BSD Executive Chuck Stewart at Civic Transit Center. He said they Toured the lobby and public restrooms. He advised Chuck Stewart announced his retirement for July 2025 and BSD will conduct a national search to replace Chuck.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he and Mr. Erwin met with the MidAmerica Airport Director and Airport Engineer. He said we exchanged information on the MetroLink Extension and other airport activities.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he met with the Fairview Heights Economic Development Director and toured the west end of the city designated for a Streetscape project. He said SCCTD is interested in working with CMT for a Transit Transformation Bus Stop within the Streetscape area.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he met with the Lambert St Louis Airport Director. He advised them SCCTD is planning for the completion of the MidAmerica MetroLink Station with the possibility of incorporating artwork near the station. He said the Director provided a tour around the airport which highlighted the current artwork in place.
- Mr. Sharkey advised the joined in on two virtual meetings with IDOT Transit Team.
- Mr. Sharkey advised SCCTD took delivery of its first piece of free equipment from an IDOT Capitol 2014 Grant. He said the Ventrac machine is located at Belleville City Parks building.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he met with TWM to discuss applying for a CMAQ Grant application due in February 2025. He said the grant application award would offset

construction costs for the trail under design between Belleville East High School and SWIC MetroLink Station on Carlyle Avenue.

- Mr. Sharkey reported Mr. Erwin made Chili for 180 workers at the Illinois Bus Facility for SCCTD appreciation event. He said Willie and Austin assisted in food preparation and serving the staff.
- Mr. Sharkey reported SCCTD had a marketing meeting with CMT, and the Hauser group to update SCCTD website with new trail mapping, wayfinding, and promotional events for the year 2025.
- Mr. Sharkey advised the Board a tentative Tecklenberg Trail Ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, 2024 with a backup date of February 5th.
- Mr. Sharkey reported SCCTD is researching to obtain a new broker for the Insurance He advised he spoke with Dr. Deborah Moore - Insurance- Cyber Security.
- Mr. Sharkey advised the Board in their packet is a summary of hours and dollars spent on local Police Department coverage at MetroLink Stations. He added at this pace SCCTD will spend close to \$1 million annually. He also informed them not included with this report is the fifteen fulltime Sherrif Deputies contracted between St. Clair County and Bi-State as well as the Sheriff's Department voluntary signup and overtime hours to the report.
- Mr. Sharkey advised the Board SCCTD has an upcoming Event scheduled for Friday, December 6th from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm at Emerson Park Station. He said it is a promotion to encourage ridership, and the name of the event is "Oh What Fun it is to Ride." He said Santa Claus will be there along with a photo booth to provide printed family photos, the children will receive a goodie bag, cookies and hot chocolate while supply last.

John Baricevic

- Mr. Baricevic reported Director Sharkey was recently deposed regarding the Groundhog incident.

Old Business: None Reported

New Business:

- Chairman Markezich advised the Board he would like to have Gonzalez present their request (item vi on the agenda). Mr. Harrison presented Change Order 4 from Haier Plumbing regarding the tree clearing and provided supporting comments as to why the change order is recommended to approved. Mr. Baricevic also advised due to the

permitting requirements. Mr. Harrison and Mr. Schaller added due to the permitting requirements and weather the contractor was forced to relocate, stop work and was asked to complete an additional acre of clearing. Mr. Harrison closed by saying it is the Board's decision, but Gonzalez recommends the Board to approve the Change Order 4 as outlined and presented. Chairman Markezich requested a motion:

Motion was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve Change Order 4 as presented. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented the bids for 2024 Emerson Station Security Fence Bids and Award. Mr. Markezich advised the Board and Staff that he and Mr. Mosley went to the Emerson Station and discussed the fence with Randy Rudolph with ETSB. Mr. Markezich advised Mr. Rudolph said he has 41 cameras and the security fence was not necessary. Mr. Markezich questioned why are we replacing all the fence around the detention pond and Mr. Erwin responded we are only replacing the fence on the east side of the building and the two (2) gates as per the plans. Mr. Erwin also advised we are concerned about the AC units being tampered with. Mr. Markezich asked why can't we install an eight (8) foot chain link fence and Mr. Erwin advised we were matching the fence installed by Bistate so aesthetically is the same and people won't be able to climb the fence. Mr. Johnson expressed why wouldn't we install fencing to match the existing Bistate fence and better secure the facility. Mr. Markezich advised Mr. Rudolph said he has 41 cameras around the building and felt the fence was not necessary. Mr. Erwin asked Mr. Markezich if he wanted to table this request until further notice and he responded yes. Mr. Markezich asked the Board for a motion to table this request.

Motion was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Mr. Johnson to table the bids and award as presented. Chairman Markezich called for voice vote. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined the Proposed Bike Trail Rules and advised the rules were compiled and review by our Attorney. Chairman Markezich requested a motion:

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

- Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined the Bistate Development Project Funding Request - Bus Air Purification System. Chairman Markezich requested a motion:

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

- Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined the Hanks Excavating Request for and Extension Letter for the Old Collinsville Rd Phase 4 Project. Chairman Markezich asked if anyone had any questions, hearing none called for a motion.

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

- Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined the Hanks Excavating Request for and Extension Letter for the Tecklenberg Trail Project. Chairman Markezich asked if anyone had any questions, hearing none called for a motion.

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

- Mr. Sharkey presented the Building Lease Agreement for the building at 2501 North Illinois in Swansea and added the lease was vetted by our attorney. He advised The building would be used for existing and future maintenance equipment to be used for the SCCTD bike trail system. Chairman Markezich asked if anyone had any questions, hearing none called for a motion.

Motion was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the lease agreement as presented. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business Chairman Markezich entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Mr. Johnson. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

Next Board Meeting – **December 17, 2024**, at 5:00 pm located at the SCCTD office at 27 North Illinois St, Belleville, Illinois.

Adjournment 5:55 pm