

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
December 17, 2024**

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Present:

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

Excused Absents:

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; Rodriguez, Present; 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 Ms. Rodriguez to approve the minutes of the November 19th regular Board Meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote.**

Introduction of Guests: Mark Harrison, Jon Schaller, Pat Judge

Public Comment: None

Incoming Claims:

Mr. Sharkey reported the CEO and President of Bi-State Development (BSD) provided an email indicating BSD refusal to reimburse SCCTD for \$650K expense incurred for assisting BSD with the installation of Secure Platform at MidAmerica MetroLink Station. Mr. Sharkey stated the following:

- SCCTD secured the State Funding for the MidAmerica MetroLink Extension in May of 2019.
- Mr. Sharkey and SCCTD Board Chairman Herb Simmons first learned of BSD Secure Platform concept on April 1, 2021 at a briefing at BSD headquarters. SCCTD requested to contribute \$12 million for Secure Platform Project for Illinois MetroLink Stations.
- SCCTD fully paid and prepaid BSD \$12.5 million in July 2024 to BSD for Secure Platform for Illinois MetroLink Stations including MidAmerica Airport Station.
- By prepaying BSD \$12.6 in advance for MetroLink Stations scheduled for completion at the end of 2025 or later, SCCTD lost interest earnings exceeding \$650K. BSD earns the interest on prepaid incomplete work for secure platform.

SCCTD Leadership's consensus requires BSD to reimburse \$650K for assisting with installation of secure platform at MidAmerica Station.

Reports:

Ken Sharkey:

- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended a Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission Luncheon. He said this Board serves 5 Counties' law enforcement departments and provides professional training to sworn officers.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he met with Chestnut Health Leadership to review service to on trains and bus stops. He advised he asked them to attend a future Board Meeting to discuss the services and to answer questions.
- Mr. Sharkey reported there will be a tour on January 9th at 1:00 pm of the Comprehensive Behavioral Health and local police agencies will be held. 505 South 8th Street, East St Louis.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he recently coordinated a meeting with Ameren, ATS and Gonzalez Company relating to providing electrical supply service to the Illinois Bus Facility. He said he learned there is a 90-week lead time to purchase a transformer and switches necessary to power up to thirty buses. He said the project is funded with a \$10.8 million Illinois Rebuild Grant.

- Mr. Sharkey advised he attended a bid opening for a new server for ATS.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he met with the ATS Director and BSD Procurement staff to begin the process to expend the \$830K grant for electric charging stations at one or two MetroLink parking areas and the Illinois Bus Facility program will allow ATS to top off their batteries while in service.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he participated in meetings with TWM and CMT to prepare for a 2025 submission to East West Gateway of Coordinating Governments for a CMAQ Grant Application. He said the primary objection is to obtain funding for bike Trail construction on Carlye Avenue from Belleville East High School to SWIC campus and College MetroLink Station.
- Mr. Sharkey reported SCCTD and CMT held a successful event at Emerson Park on December 6th to promote Transit ridership. He said the sponsored event was, “O What Fun it is to Ride.” He added there was Pictures with Santa provided a photo booth, cookies, hot chocolate, goodie bags for the children, and stainless-steel mugs, and Christmas music. He said the 8 ft Reindeer on display is now in the lobby at Belleville Station. He thanked the Trustees who were able to attend the event.
- Mr. Sharkey reminded the Board there is a tentative date to have a celebration ceremony to open the Trecklenberg Trail. He advised Hanks will let me know in the first week of January if Wednesday January 22nd will be attainable.

John Baricevic

- Mr. Baricevic reported there were no further changes to any current litigations
- Mr. Baricevic reported there will be a hearing regarding a Human Resource Complaint on January 9th, 2025.

Old Business: None Reported

New Business:

- Chairman Markezich reported he and other County leaders met with Gonzalez Engineering regarding the Gonzalez Contract Amendment. Chairman Markezich advised it was agreed to approve their request as outlined in the Amendment presented. Mr. Judge and Mr. Harrison further explained and outlined the Amendment. Chairman Markezich asked if there was any other questions. Mr. Sharkey asked if this would be the last request from Gonzalez?

Mr. Harrison and Mr. Judge assured the Board the request should get them to the finish line. Chairman Markezich requested a motion:

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

- Mr. Sharkey presented the Owner Controlled Contingency Request for WSP from the MAA Extension and Gonzalez will explain. Mr. Harrison and Mr. Judge outlined and explained the request. Mr. Sharkey asked if the requested contingency will finish the project and Mr. Judge advised WSP is aware no further funds will be approved. Mr. Harrison added he spoke with Mr. DeArmond with WSP and he confirmed WSP would not be making any further request. Mr. Markezich asked if there were any further question and if none requested a motion to approve:

Motion was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez to approve the request as presented. Chairman Markezich called for voice vote. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented the Lockton Companies Appointment. Mr. Sharkey advised they are the same company St Clair County uses. Chairman Markezich requested a motion:

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

- Mr. Sharkey presented the ATS Server Bid. Mr. Sharkey advised SCCTD advertised with Transit Publications as well as on our website and only received one Bid in the amount of \$234,233.26. Chairman Markezich asked if anyone had any questions, hearing none called for a motion.

Motion was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez to approve the Bid from Throttlenet as presented. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey Tap Grant Resolution 12-17-24 Fairview Heights Swansea Trail Shared Use Path. Chairman Markezich asked if anyone had any questions, hearing none called for a motion.

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

- Mr. Sharkey CMAQ Grant Resolution 12-17-24 for the Carlyle Ave Trail Shared Use Path. Chairman Markezich asked if anyone had any questions, hearing none called for a motion.

Motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the resolution 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 – **January 21, 2025**, at 5:00 pm located at the SCCTD office at 27 North Illinois St, Belleville, Illinois.

Adjournment 5:43 pm