

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
May 15, 2024**

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Present:

George Markezich, Chairman
Lonnie Mosley, Trustee
Sally Rodriguez, Trustee
Derienzia Johnson, Trustee
Patty Gregory, Trustee
Ken Sharkey, SCCTD Managing Director
John Baricevic, Attorney
Mark Kern, SCC Board Chairman
Hollie Etling, SCCTD
Tony Erwin, SCCTD

Excused Absents:

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Markezich, at 4:30 pm. advised all members are present; the meeting has and official quorum. Trustee Markezich expressed his appreciation and welcomed Mayor Patty Gregory for being appointed to the Board.

Approval of Minutes:

- **A motion was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024 Board Meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote.**

Introduction of Guests: Chairman Kern

Public Comment: None

Incoming Claims: None Reported

Reports:

Ken Sharkey:

- Mr. Sharkey advised he attended a monthly BSD Secure Platform Meeting.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he traveled to Illinois State Capitol to meet with State Rep Hoffman and Senator Belt and discussed funding and the Ameren Utility issue regarding the relocation delaying bike trail construction on Old Collinsville Road. He advised Senator Belt is interested in SCCTD installing more bus shelters.

- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended training on Harassment sponsored by St. Clair County.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he met with met with IDOT Collinsville staff to discuss their proposal to provide a free newly constructed 1.3-mile bike trail near Worldwide Technology Raceway.
- Mr. Sharkey advised the met with the artist recommended by Mayor of Fairview Heights who creates sculptures.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he met with the Fairview Heights Police Chief Johnson and Captain Beyersdorfer concerning the last nightly train at the Fairview Heights Station advising their city is being impacted relating to law enforcement and Ambulance service. Mr. Sharkey further reported he attended a much larger group meeting on the same topic, which included Metro Public Safety, Chestnut Health Services, Comprehensive Behavior Health, Fairview Height PD and SCC Sheriff Deputy.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he virtually attended two (2) BSD Board Meetings.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he met with VIA Company representatives which operates the SCCTD VanGo micro transit service in Mascoutah and Lebanon. He reported their contract expires on October 31, 2024 and SCCTD will need to decide whether to renew the service or to turn it over to the SCCTD Flyer.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended a Citizens for Modern Transit sponsored bus tour in St. Louis to view near 6 miles proposed to train service known as North Side South Side Proposal, AKA the Green Line. He said the BSD projected cost of this new train service is \$1.1 Billion. He also advised BSD will have to submit a competitive application for Federal funding competing against other major cities to receive federal support. He clarified the proposed alignment will run from Chippawa Street in South City to North St. Louis City near Fairgrounds Park.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he attended the St. Clair County Sheriff's annual Police Memorial Service honoring all St. Clair Police Officers killed in the line of duty over the past century. He said the States Attorney Jim Gomric delivered a well-received keynote address.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended a meeting with Gonzalez company to get construction update on Metrolink Extension to MidAmerica Airport.
- Mr. Sharky reported he and Alex attended a meeting with BSD on SCCTD pension liability for BSD employees.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he and Mr. Erwin attended a virtual meeting with IDOT transit team in Illinois Rebuild III grant of \$10.8 million for ATS electric vehicles and Solar Panel Carports.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he and Mr. Erwin met with BSD Engineers Tim Nittler and Chris Poehler who are requesting millions of dollars of more funding from SCCTD to repair the two retaining walls at 79th Street and 37th street in Illinois. He advised the requests on tonight's agenda.

- Mr. Sharkey reported SCCTD had a successful kickoff this past Saturday at the Belleville Transit Center. He said Citizens for Modern transit helped plan and promote the event as well as AARP of St. Louis led a group of over fifty bike riders and hosted a table too. He advised the Cahokia Heights High School musicians performed and Bike Surgeon, Metro, Clean Eats, Heartland Conservancy attended and a coffee truck was on site. He advised the SCCTD Staff did a wonderful job supporting the Saturday event. Mr. Sharkey also expressed his appreciation to Mr. Mosley and Mr. Markezich for stopping by.

- **John Baricevic**

- Mr. Baricevic reported the Clark vs Underwood Case has settled.
- Mr. Baricevic reported depositions are going to be scheduled for the Karen Will lawsuit regarding and alleged accident on the bike.

Old Business:

- Mr. Mosley discussed the possible request regarding a retired ATS bus for the East St Louis High School District 118. Mr. Baricevic issued last year a memo regarding bus donations. This memo will be reissued at June 2024 Board meeting. No further discussion with no motion or vote.

New Business:

- Mr. Sharkey outlined and advised the Board SCCTD would be applying for an IDNR Grant and it requires as Resolution and in doing so the Grant is due May 17, 2024. He presented the resolution for approval. Chairman Markezich requested a motion:

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

- Mr. Sharkey advised the Bike Trail Sign Award will need to be tabled due to the Bid date has been extended to May 28, 2024. Chairman Markezich requested a motion:

Mr. Mosley made a motion and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez to table this item until the June meeting. Chairman Markezich called for voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented 2024 Properties and Trail Mowing Bid results and advised Hubbard Lawn and Landscaping. Chairman Markezich asked if anyone had any questions, hearing none called for a motion.

Mr. Mosley made a motion and seconded by Ms. Rodriquez to approve and award the project to Hubbard Lawn and Landscaping. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented 2024 161 Bike Trail Bridge Painting Bid. He advised Thomas Industrial Coatings was the only bidder, but they were also the company that repair the north side in 2023. Chairman Markezich asked if anyone had any questions, hearing none called for a motion.

Mr. Johnson made a motion and seconded by Ms. Rodriquez to approve and award the project to Thomas Industrial Coatings. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented the 2024 Bridge Deck Replacement Bids. He advised the low bidder, KB Contracting owned by Mike Thomas was well below the other bidders. Mr. Erwin advised Mr. Thomas wished to withdraw his bid. It was recommended to table this award to the next low bidder until the June meeting and would require an email or letter from the contractor withdrawing their bid. Chairman Markezich asked if anyone had any questions, hearing none called for a motion.

Mr. Mosley made a motion and seconded by Ms. Rodriquez to table the award until the June meeting. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented the 2025 Bistate ATS Services and Maintenance Agreement. He advised it has been reviewed and approved by all parties. Chairman Markezich asked if anyone had any questions, hearing none called for a motion.

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

- Mr. Sharkey presented the 2025 Bistate Rail Service and Maintenance Agreement. He advised it has been reviewed and approved by all parties. Chairman Markezich asked if anyone had any questions, hearing none called for a motion.

Ms. Rodriquez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Johnson to accept the agreement as presented. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented the 2025 Bistate Bus Service and Maintenance Agreement. He advised it has been reviewed and approved by all parties. Chairman Markezich asked if anyone had any questions, hearing none called for a motion.

Ms. Rodriquez made the motion and seconded by Mr. Johnson to accept the agreement as presented. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented the Bistate Funding Request – 2546 IL UPRR Retainig Walls located at 37th Street. Chairman Markezich asked if anyone had any questions, hearing none called for a motion.

Mr. Mosley made the motion and seconded by Ms. Rodriquez to approved the funding request as presented. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented the Bistate Funding Request – 2439 79th Street Bridge Retaining Walls. Chairman Markezich asked if anyone had any questions, hearing none called for a motion.

Mr. Mosley made the motion and seconded by Ms. Rodriquez to approved the funding request 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 Ms. Gregory and seconded by Mr. Johnson. Chairman Markezcih called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

Next Board Meeting – **June 18, 2024** at 5:00 pm located at the SCCTD office at 27 North Illinois St, Belleville, Illinois.

Adjournment 5:07 pm