

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
June 18, 2024**

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
Mike Buehlhorn, SCCTD
Hollie Etling, SCCTD
Tony Erwin, SCCTD

Excused Absents:

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, Rodriguez, present; Mosley, present; Mr. Johnson, present; Gregory, present; Markezich, present; the meeting has an official quorum.

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, Mike Buehlhorn

Public Comment: None

Incoming Claims: None Reported

Reports:

Ken Sharkey:

- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended a Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission Meeting.

- Mr. Sharkey reported the SCCTD team met with Metro Planning Department to plan bus service expansion in December of this year of the Metro #16 Belleville-Fairview Heights-Collinsville and Metro #12 Fairview Height-O’Fallon.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he attended two meetings with Gonzalez Companies for updates on MAA MetroLink Expansion.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he attended the MCT Dedication of the new \$15 million Administration Building. Governor Pritzker was in attendance and spoke about the project.
- Mr. Sharkey reminded the Board SCCTD will be hosting Governor Pritzker July 11th at 11:00 am at Emerson Park to celebrate the completion and the operations of the new building.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he attended the Bistate Development Secure Platform meeting.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he participated in a bus tour of the proposed Bistate Development Green line, which would serve the North and South Sides of the City of St. Louis.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he attended a planning meeting with CMT for upcoming SCCTD events and projects to promote for the near future.
- Mr. Sharkey advised Mr. Erwin and he met with Ameren Engineers to discuss the utility relocation on Old Collinsville Road phase IV (Frank Scott Parkway to Ashland Avenue. He added, Ameren advised SCCTD on their approach for future trail work under consideration.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he attended the State of the City Addresses hosted by Fairview Heights and Swansea Mayors.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he and some of the staff met with TMW to review current and future trail construction. He added future grant application possibilities were also discussed.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he attended EWGW Advisory meeting.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he walked and rode Bike trail to evaluate the maintenance needs. Mr. Erwin is preparing the annual solicitation for sealcoating, crack filling and striping of the trail. He added the goal is to perform this type of work on 20% of the trail each year as well as to crack fill the entire system every year.
- Mr. Sharkey reported the repairs on the MetroLink Swansea Station Parking Lot. He added SCCTD request Bistate to update one MetroLink Lot each year. He said they previously repaired the 5th & MO, Belleville Scheel Street, Fairview Heights and Emerson Park Stations parking lots.
- Mr. Sharkey reporting SCCTD is investigating the possibility of installing solar panels at Illinois Bus facility rather than installing solar panel carports at Belleville Scheel Street and

Emerson Park. He said coordination from BSD and IDOT will be needed to re-classify part of the \$10.8 million grant to electrify the ATS fleet.

- Mr. Sharkey reported he discussed the Municipal Policing of MetroLink stations. He advised this initiative is the result of Herb Simmons vision to improve security for MetroLink.
- Mr. Sharkey reported on the FY23 SCCTD Audit and advised the Board Members it is in their packet. He advised there were No Findings and said it was a Clean audit. He went on to say SCCTD's Financial Strength remains strong. He asked the Board if they would like to have Scheffle Boyle attend a future meeting to go over the audit, please advise. The consensus was it was not necessary.
- Mr. Sharkey reminded the Board CMT's is having their 40th Anniversary celebration in downtown St. Louis this Thursday from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm. He advised Ms. Rodriguez and I are going.
- Mr. Sharkey reminded the Board, on June 27th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. SCCTD will be hosting an Illinois Bus Garage Worker luncheon, Roasted Whole corn on the cob and pulled pork.

- **John Baricevic**

- Mr. Baricevic reported there were not significant changes to report.

Old Business: None Reported

New Business:

- Mr. Sharkey the SCCTD Bike Trail Bridge Replacement Bids. He advised the low bidder submitted an email withdrawing his bid therefore making Hanks Excavating and Landscaping the low bidder for the bid amount of \$142,000. Mr. Sharkey added we are working to redeck one bridge every year. Chairman Markezich requested a motion:

Mr. Mosley made a motion and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez to approve Hanks bid in the amount of \$142,000 for the Bike Trail Bridge Deck Replacement. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented the Bike Trail Signage Bid received. Mr. Sharkey advised Mr. Buehlhorn will be outlining the project. Mr. Buehlhorn presented the plans and discussed the single bid received. He advised there were a couple things on the bid we could remove as well as coming up with a revised bike trail rules sign. Chairman Markezich recommended tabling the Bike Trail Sign Award until the July 16th Board Meeting until all additional information can be obtained. Chairman Markezich requested a motion:

Mr. Johnson made a motion and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez to table the award until the July 16th Board meeting. Chairman Markezich called for voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented a letter of request from the “The Center” (Comprehensive Behavioral Health Center) for two (2) retired ATS buses. Chairman Markezich asked if anyone had any questions, hearing none called for a motion.

Mr. Johnson made a motion and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez to approve the donation of two (2) ATS buses to The Center. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented the appraisal for \$19,000 for the land purchase adjacent to the MetroLink near SAFB. He advised the land purchase is to reroute the bike trail due to the Bistate Secured Platform Project. He further added if we did not do this those people using the bike trail will need to by a ticket to get through the gate to access the bike trail going out to Mid America. Chairman Markezich asked if anyone had any questions, hearing none called for a motion.

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

- Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined the St Clair County Transit District Investment Policy and requested the Board adopt an amended policy recommended by the outside Auditor and placed of file. Chairman Markezich asked if anyone had any questions, hearing none called for a motion.

Ms. Rodriguez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the policy as presented and placed on file. 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 discussed the Board Member Stipend Policy as it pertains to the current State Statue. Chairman Markezich recommended a stipend of \$400 per month for each Trustee and asked if anyone had any questions, hearing none called for a motion.

Mr. Mosley made a motion and seconded by Mr. Johnson to increase the Board Members monthly stipend to the of \$400 per Trustee per month. 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 Markezcih called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

Next Board Meeting – **July 16, 2024**, at 5:00 pm located at the SCCTD office at 27 North Illinois St, Belleville, Illinois.

Adjournment 6:04 pm