

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
February 18, 2025**

=====

Present:

George Markezich, Chairman
Lonnie Mosley, Trustee
Sally Rodriguez, Trustee
Derienzia Johnson, Trustee
Patty Gregory, Trustee
Ken Sharkey, SCCTD Managing Director
Mark Kern, SCC Board Chairman
Austin Rauscher, SCCTD
Hollie Etling, SCCTD

Excused Absents:

John Baricevic, Attorney
Tony Erwin, SCCTD

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Markezich, at 4:30 pm. called for a roll call for all Board Members, Mosley, present; Rodriquez, absent; 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 Mr. Johnson to approve the minutes of the January 21st regular Board Meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote.**

Introduction of Guests: None

Public Comment: None

Incoming Claims: None

Reports:

Ken Sharkey:

- Mr. Sharkey advised the Board that the new Gator was stolen from the Swansea storage space on Boul Ave. and an insurance claim has been filed.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he Participated in a couple of MetroLink Extension meetings with Gonzalez Companies. Project moving along well. Awaiting notification from Illinois Comptroller on other state funding.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he rode the MetroLink train three times in the past few weeks. One trip included shadowing Chestnut Health Services delivery system on the train.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he had a meeting with Chairman Kern, Local Chiefs of police, St. Clair County Mental Health, and Comprehensive Behavioral Health in East St. Louis.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended a couple of Citizens for Modern Transit Zoom calls. One on MetroLink Security and one on MetroLink Monitors.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he had his monthly meeting with BSD Executive VP Chuck Stewart.
- Mr. Sharkey advised that he had a meeting with Bi-State Development President/CEO Taulby Roach. The discussions included the secure platform payment, new LVR purchases in the amount of \$27 million, security on trains, and declining fare revenues.
- Mr. Sharkey reported that he met with Fairview Heights Mayor Kupsky on bike trail work in the city.
- Mr. Sharkey advised that he met with Chestnut Health Service Leadership. They will present the upcoming contract renewal and provide some reporting at the March meeting.
- Mr. Sharkey reported that he has a meeting with Lockton Insurance company for April Insurance renewal.
- Mr. Sharkey informed the Board that the opening of the Tecklenburg Trail is delayed because of issues with the bridge fencing.
- Mr. Sharkey handed out the FY2024 audit to the Board and informed them that there were no findings.

- Mr. Sharkey gave the Board a copy of the Earned Media Coverage Report from CMT and the Hauser Group.
- Mr. Sharkey reported that SCCTD was awarded a \$200K IDNR grant for bike trail construction on Union Hill/Sullivan Drive from Frank Scott Parkway to Long Acre Drive.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Mr. Markezich discussed that per the previous Board direction for the previous purchase of 3 MetroLink patrol vehicles, GPS units need to be installed on each of those vehicles.

Motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Johnson to have Mr. Sharkey contact Lt. Lindauer to have GPS installed on the remaining MetroLink vehicles. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

- Mr. Markezich stated that he would like vehicle identification lettering put on SCCTD vehicles.

Motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Ms. Gregory to approve the request. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

- Mr. Markezich discussed that SCCTD needs to have a list of all vehicles and equipment purchased.
- Mr. Markezich discussed a previous incident when one of the patrol cars was wrecked. He would like to put together an accident review board to examine accidents.

Motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez to establish an accident review board consisting of George Markezich, Lonnie Mosley, and Marty Crawford. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

- Mr. Markezich stated that the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department should be advised that SCCTD needs to be informed within 48 hours of any accidents involving the MetroLink patrol car vehicles.

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

- Mr. Sharkey presented the TWM Task Order to design trail on Union Hill Road/Sullivan Drive Between Frank Scott Parkway. Not to Exceed \$309,889.

Motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Mosley to table the task order and have TWM come to the next meeting. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented Rail & Bus Addendum to operating agreement with BSD and SCCTD. This agreement clarifies BSD Insurance coverage on behalf of SCCTD. The need for this addendum in place is for SCCTD to obtain Liability Insurance Coverage for competitive pricing on new policy.

Motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez to approve both requests as presented. Chairman Markezich called for voice vote. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented the 2025 Trail Mowing and Trimming Bids. Incorrect Bid tabs were included in your delivered board packet. Handing out corrected Bid tab Sheet. Low bidder is the current grass mower Ultimate Detail and Landscape at \$2,025 per cut, a reduction of \$100 per cut from the 2024 season. Ivory Group provided annual costs for mowing rather than cost per cut as outlined in Bid specifications.
Swic

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

- Mr. Sharkey presented Beloman bid for updating baseboard heaters at Belleville Scheel Street Station. Original equipment in place with Lobby, SCCTD office and Chestnut experiencing performance issues.

Motion was made by Ms. Gregory and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez to table the quote and put it out to bid. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented bids to replace Stolen Gator from Swansea Storage Facility. Insurance will cover loss. Shiloh Valley Equipment has low bid of \$27,202.50.

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

- Mr. Sharkey presented the Utility Golf Gas Powered Cart for \$9,500. This item is on the approved list for the IDOT capital Grant 2014. Grant expires on March 31st. Governor Rauner froze this funding during his 4-year tenure. Gas powered carts have longer ranges than battery powered carts.

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

Next Board Meeting – **March 18, 2025**, at 5:00 pm located at the SCCTD office at 27 North Illinois St, Belleville, Illinois.

Adjournment 5:23 pm