

MINNESOTA VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
Special Board Meeting
February 2, 2007 – 4:30 p.m.
Burnsville Transit Station

Board Members Present:

Meg Tilley, Eagan
William Droste, Rosemount
Margaret Schreiner, At Large
Jane Victorey, Savage
Will Branning, Dakota County
Jon Ulrich, Scott County
Elizabeth Kautz, Burnsville

Others Present:

Beverley Miller, Executive Director
Lois Spear, Finance Officer
Robin Selvig, Customer Relations Manager
James Clark, Messerli & Kramer
Tom Poul, Messerli & Kramer
Wally Lyslo, At Large Alternate

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chair Jon Ulrich.

II. Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Elizabeth Kautz and seconded by Margaret Schreiner to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

IV. Old Business

Board members who attended the STA meeting earlier in the day reviewed the discussion at this meeting. James Clark and Tom Poul were invited to attend the special MVTA Board meeting. Barb Ross was unable to attend, but James Clark had spoken with her earlier in the day.

There was significant discussion regarding transit funding, how we need to be vigilant in supporting a bill that will have the most advantage for the MVTA. The Board also expressed concern about Messerli & Kramer and wanted to make sure that we were providing clear direction to them, and that we have established deliverables on which to evaluate their performance.

A variety of bills and pending bills were discussed. Motion by Elizabeth Kautz and seconded by Meg Tilley to adopt the STA Legislative Agenda, with the notation that the MVTA supports the 38-2 split on the MVST revenues. Motion carried.

The Board expressed interest in regular updates from Messerli & Kramer, who agreed to attend MVTA Board meetings to the extent possible.

Motion by Margaret Schreiner and seconded by Elizabeth Kautz asking Messerli & Kramer, the STA Lobbyists, to create an e-mail to all STA legislators supporting the 38-2 split, and separating out the prospect of a regional sales tax. Motion carried.

James Clark and Tom Poul also addressed some other concerns of the Board, indicating that they take Conflict of Interest very seriously, and they do not consider representation of the Dakota County Regional Rail Authority for the Cedar Corridor Project a conflict with the interests of the MVTA and other STA members – especially this year as they are simply monitoring issues and not seeking funding.

V. Staff Reports / Update

Board members were offered a tour of the remodeling MVTA facilities.

VI. Adjournment

Motion by Elizabeth Kautz and seconded by Meg Tilley to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

Minutes Prepared By: Robin L. Selvig

Next Regular Meeting Scheduled: Feb. 28, 2007, 4:30 p.m. Casper's Cherokee Sirloin Room, Eagan, followed by Driver of the Year awards dinner

All regularly Scheduled Board Meetings will be held on the **FOURTH** Wednesday of the month at the posted time and location unless otherwise notified.

Approved by: _____ Date: _____