

MINNESOTA VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
Regular Board Meeting
June 27, 2007 – 4:30 p.m.
Eagan Bus Garage

Board Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Beverley Miller, Executive Director
Lois Spear, Finance Officer
Barb Ross, Best & Flanagan
Tom Knier, Laidlaw Transit
Robin Selvig, Customer Relations Manager
Wally Lyslo, At Large Alternate
Tom Bright, Facilities Manager
Connie Massengale, Schmitt & Sons
Glenn Boden, Fleet Maint. Manager
Tom Pepper, Eagan TWG
Michael Abegg, Planner
Troy Beam, Scott County
Sam O'Connell, Dakota County
Dave Unmacht, Scott County
Lezlie Vermillion, Scott County

I. Call to Order

The May meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. on June 27. The June meeting was then called to order by Chair Jon Ulrich.

II. Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

III. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was re-arranged (the STA discussion was moved to "Old Business" and the UPA Resolution of support was moved to be part of the Consent Agenda), and two items were added (a resolution of support for the City of Minneapolis' CMAQ application and information about the articles and customer comments associated with the Apple Valley Transit Station). Motion by Margaret Schreiner and seconded by Elizabeth Kautz to approve the revised agenda. Motion carried.

IV. Consent Agenda

Motion by Margaret Schreiner and seconded by Elizabeth Kautz to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried. Resolutions adopted as part of the Consent Agenda are attached to these minutes.

V. Old Business

Elizabeth Kautz initiated a discussion of STA. Distributed at the Board meeting was a list of accomplishments compiled by Messerli & Kramer for the past seven years. The Board noted the three issues identified by Beverley Miller in the packet. Two additional items were added to the list: Should Messerli & Kramer be both the lobbyist and the staff for the STA organization? And should membership on STA be limited to elected officials (except for the

directors)? Motion by Ruth Grendahl and seconded by Meg Tilley to adopt these issues. Motion carried. Board members with any other issues are asked to forward them to Elizabeth Kautz and the Strategic Planning Committee was given latitude to discuss any additional issues in the upcoming meetings. Meetings will then be set up with the other members of STA (SouthWest Transit, Plymouth Metrolink, Maple Grove Transit and Shakopee Transit) to see if they have similar issue or other concerns.

VI. New Business

There was discussion about the pull-out at Palomino Hills. Elizabeth Kautz questions where the funds were coming from to pay for this. Beverley Miller indicated it was coming from the MVTA budget. It was noted that the road improvements were going to take place, and this was added as a bid-alternate. Ruth Grendahl said the timing of the project might have been different, but the roadwork was still going to be completed. Several board members mentioned that it is a safety issue. Will Branning asked if there would be an operational savings with the construction of the pull-out and Michael Abegg noted that it would be about \$3000 per year, so would pay for itself within several years. It was also noted that the MVTA would submit this expense to the Met Council for funding if/when a bonding bill is approved. Motion by Ruth Grendahl and seconded by Margaret Schreiner to approve this improvement. Motion carried.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Strategic Planning Committee

Jon Ulrich then introduced Dave Unmacht, administrator for Scott County, and Lezlie Vermillion, public works director, to talk about SCALE (Scott County Association for Leadership and Efficiency) and about transit in Scott County. Unmacht distributed folders that provided information about SCALE, and indicated that in a relatively short time, the organization has been able to work together to accomplish some significant projects. He cited SCALE's mission as "A coalition of local units of government in Scott County encouraging greater efficiencies and leadership in public service through enhanced communication, collaboration of services and sharing of resources." He said SCALE's fundamental premise is that citizens don't usually care who gets the work done or delivers a service, as long as it happens efficiently and effectively.

Unmacht also commented that SCALE is a philosophy. He referred Board members to his hand-out which describes SCALE as:

- SCALE is a philosophy and an idea.
- SCALE is about leadership, stepping forward and risk-taking.
- SCALE is about recognizing the value of and achieving collective influence.
- SCALE is about relationships.
- SCALE is a way of doing business.

Lezlie Vermillion then provided a presentation about SCALE's involvement in transit and how Scott County Transit has progressed in the past several years to the point that there will be a grand opening of a park & ride in Shakopee later this year, with service starting on July 16. She indicated that Michael Abegg and Beverley Miller have been great resources in answering questions as Scott County has been feeling its way along.

Elizabeth Kautz noted that the Strategic Planning Committee met after the last Board meeting to discuss how to proceed in meeting the outcomes in the Strategic Plan. It was also noted that the Committee would like some additional clarification from the group that suggested

that each Board member develop an “action plan” so everyone knows how and what is to be accomplished with this plan. A meeting is scheduled for July 9, so any clarification would be appreciated before that meeting date.

VIII. Staff Reports

Beverley Miller noted that the Request for Proposal for our service is out on the street and due in mid-August. She also indicated that there was information for everyone regarding news articles and customer comments about the proposed permitting at the Apple Valley Transit Station.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Elizabeth Kautz and seconded by Ruth Grendahl at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes Prepared By:

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Next Regular Meeting Scheduled: July 25, 2007, 4:30 p.m. Eagan Bus Garage.

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: _____