

MINNESOTA VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
Regular Board Meeting  
February 27, 2008 – 4:30 p.m.  
Cherokee Sirloin Room - Eagan

**Board Members Present:**

Meg Tilley, Eagan  
William Droste, Rosemount  
Ruth Grendahl, Apple Valley  
Margaret Schreiner, At Large  
Jane Victorey, Savage  
Tom Egan, Dakota County  
Jon Ulrich, Scott County

**Others Present:**

Beverley Miller, Executive Director  
Michael Abegg, Planner  
Barb Ross, Best & Flanagan  
Tom Pepper, Eagan TWG  
Robin Selvig, Customer Relations Manager  
Lois Spear, Finance Officer  
Wally Lyslo, At Large Alternate  
Tom Bright, Facilities Manager  
Connie Massengale, Schmitt & Sons  
David Pritzlaff, Farmington Councilmember  
Steve Mielke, Lakeville Administrator  
Holly Dahl, Lakeville Mayor  
Troy Beam, Scott County TWG  
Terry Krei, Accountant  
Dan Krom, Dakota County  
Lori Peterson, Eagan (Personnel Consultant)

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by Vice Chair Jon Ulrich. Introductions were made around the table and around the room for the benefit of the representatives from Lakeville and Farmington. Ulrich said that the MVTA was pleased that representatives from Lakeville and Farmington were joining us at the table.

**II. Public Comments**

There were no comments from the public.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Margaret Schreiner and seconded by Meg Tilley to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**IV. Consent Agenda**

Motion by Margaret Schreiner and seconded by Bill Droste to approve the Consent Agenda minus the item regarding Committee Assignments. Motion carried. Resolutions adopted as part of the Consent Agenda are attached to these minutes. Margaret Schreiner noted that neither she nor Elizabeth Kautz would be able to attend the Feb. 28 meeting, leaving only Beverley Miller, as alternate, to attend. Motion by Margaret Schreiner and seconded by Meg Tilley to table approval of the Committee Assignments until the next meeting, giving people opportunity to review their choices. Ex-officio members were also invited to participate on Committees. Motion carried.

**V. Committee Reports**

*A. Personnel Committee*

Lori Peterson distributed the Personnel Committee report, and there was significant discussion regarding the efforts to quantify the rating system used in the Executive Director's review. Suggestions included the ability to "weight" the objectives, giving higher priority to some; definition of what "yes" means when indicating an objective has been met (i.e., three-year objective, 1<sup>st</sup> year work was done = yes); and making the system as quantifiable as possible. The Performance Review tools were referred back to the Personnel Committee for additional work, and to be brought back to the full Board at a future meeting.

*B. Strategic Planning Report*

An additional letter had been expected to be available for the Board meeting, but had not been received. Therefore, Beverley Miller let the letters in the packet stand. Several Board members offered comments on the Met Council's position regarding additional communities receiving transit service and the MVTA's desired position to be the transit provider south of the river. Comments included that the Met Council controls the purse strings, but does not have representation. Others commented that there is a lack of trust between the Council and the MVTA.

*C. STA*

Margaret Schreiner noted that the next STA meeting is Feb. 28, and it's important for someone from the Board to attend with Beverley. She also expressed her dissatisfaction with the lobbyist, after the discussions last year regarding the changes to process and updates, including notes about who the lobbyists met with and how Board members could help. She asked that the message be taken to the Feb. 28 STA meeting. Schreiner also noted that she hopes Messerli will send letters of thanks to key legislators who helped pass the transportation bill. Motion by Margaret Schreiner and seconded by Meg Tilley requesting that the MVTA send letters to the Dakota and Scott County Boards, requesting their support of the ¼ cent sales tax for transit. Motion carried, with Ruth Grendahl and Jon Ulrich voting "no."

**VI. Old Business**

*A. 2030 Master Plan/Robert St.*

This item actually started the meeting, given that a quorum was not present. Michael Abegg began the meeting with two presentations: the first was about the Robert St. Corridor and the second was the continuation of the 2030 Transit Master Plan. He reviewed the process and status of the Robert Street project, and then updated the Board on the bus portion of the Transit Master Plan. Copies of these presentations are posted on the MVTA web-site: [http://www.mvta.com/MVTA\\_2008\\_Board\\_Packets.html/presentations](http://www.mvta.com/MVTA_2008_Board_Packets.html/presentations)

**VII. New Business**

*A. Robert St.*

This item was combined with the 2030 Master Plan, as noted above.

**VIII. Staff Reports**

Given that the meeting was running long, and the Driver of the Year Awards Dinner was pending, there was no further discussion regarding the Transportation bill.

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

**Minutes Prepared By: Robin L. Selvig**

**Next Regular Meeting Scheduled: March. 26, 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: \_\_\_\_\_