

MINNESOTA VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
Regular Board Meeting  
January 23, 2008 – 4:30 p.m.  
Eagan Bus Garage

**Board Members Present:**

Meg Tilley, Eagan  
William Droste, Rosemount  
Ruth Grendahl, Apple Valley  
Margaret Schreiner, At Large  
Jane Victorey, Savage  
Bud Osmundson, Burnsville  
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  
Samantha Porter, Operations Manager  
Connie Massengale, Schmitt & Sons  
Glenn Boden, Fleet Maint. Manager  
David Pritzlaff, Farmington Councilmember  
Peter Herlofsky, Farmington Administrator  
James Clark, Messerli & Kramer  
Sen. Jim Carlson  
Sen. John Doll  
Troy Beam, Scott county TWG

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. by Chair Jon Ulrich. Introductions were made around the table and around the room for the benefit of the representatives from Farmington.

**II. Election of Officers**

Nomination by Jane Victorey to elect Jon Ulrich as Chair. Nomination by Ruth Grendahl to elect Elizabeth Kautz as Chair. Ballots were distributed and tallied by Barb Ross. Tie vote.

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Nomination by Ruth Grendahl to elect Margaret Schreiner as Secretary. Nomination by Meg Tilley to elect Jane Victorey as Secretary. Ballots were distributed and tallied by Barb Ross. Jane Victorey was elected Secretary.

Nomination by Margaret Schreiner to elect Ruth Grendahl as Treasurer. There being no other nominations, Motion by Margaret Schreiner and seconded by Bill Droste to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Ruth Grendahl as Treasurer. Motion carried.

Margaret Schreiner was appointed by Apple Valley-Burnsville-Eagan to continue as the At-Large commissioner and Wally Lyslo as the At-Large alternate commissioner.

The sign-up sheet for committee assignments was passed around the room. It was noted that there should be at least three Board members per committee. E-mails will sent to Elizabeth Kautz and Will Branning to determine their committee preferences.

**III. Public Comments**

There were no comments from the public.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Margaret Schreiner and seconded by Bill Droste to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**V. Consent Agenda**

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

**VI. Old Business**

*A. Ex Officio Members*

Barb Ross submitted a Resolution to the Board for approval of guidelines for the ex-officio members, such as David Pritzlaff and Peter Herlofsky of Farmington. She recommended amending the Joint Powers in the memo to the Board. Margaret Schreiner asked if it was required to amend the Joint Powers, and was advised that it was not required but Ross recommended it to formalize the guidelines. Ross then advised that the Bylaws could be amended as alternative. The Bylaws are amended by the Board and then sent to the cities to be ratified. Motion by Margaret Schreiner and seconded by Bill Droste approving the resolution with the change being made to the By-laws rather than the Joint Powers Agreement, as the By-laws would not require approval and signatures from each of the five cities. Motion carried.

*B. Povolny Group*

Barb Ross distributed a letter from the Povolny group indicating that the offer made by the MVTA for the property at 140<sup>th</sup> & Cedar was not sufficient, and restating their position for about \$3.9 million (MVTA's appraisal was \$1.2 million). Motion by Ruth Grendahl and seconded by Bill Droste again rejecting the Povolny's offer as noted in their letter dated Jan. 16, 2008. Motion carried.

MVTA Chair Jon Ulrich, on behalf of the Board then presented awards to Sen. Jim Carlson of Eagan and Sen. John Doll of Burnsville. Ulrich thanked the legislators for their leadership, guidance and service on behalf of transit and transportation issues in the Minnesota Legislature. The award was a special miniature MVTA bus, with plates on top reading: The Minnesota Valley Transit Authority Salutes Senator Jim Carlson, 2007-2008; and The Minnesota Valley Transit Authority Salutes Senator John Doll 2007-2008.

Sen. Doll and Sen. Carlson both thanked the MVTA for the award, and expressed their interest in continuing to work on transportation-related issues in the coming session. Following the presentation of awards, the MVTA had a brief discussion with the legislators regarding items that might be included in the upcoming transportation bill. The Summary of Legislative Agendas for 2008 was the starting point for the discussion. James Clark of Messerli & Kramer also joined the discussion. Sen. Doll indicated that he will again introduce legislation to expand the transit taxing district. Sen. Carlson noted that he believes the transportation bill will be a new bill to address some technical deficiencies with last year's bill, and that he believes the Senate is close to a veto-proof majority. Items such as the ½ cent sales tax, increased wheelage tax and similar items will also be on the table. The legislators were again thanked for their time and efforts on behalf of transit and transportation.

## **VII. New Business**

### *A. 2030 Transit Master Plan*

Michael Abegg began a presentation of items under discussion for the region's 2030 Transit Master Plan. He reviewed transitways included in the plan, as well as travel behavior information regarding employment centers in the region (downtown Minneapolis, St. Paul, Airport, and others). He will continue his presentation at a future meeting, focusing on the bus plan. Questions included how the deployment of high speed broadband might affect the density of employment centers, as well as the impact on the aging population, moving people out of their prime employment years. Abegg agreed those are issues to be considered, but at this time, data is only available regarding the current situation and does not include future projections based on unknowns.

### *B. Update on Cedar Grove*

Beverley Miller updated the Board on the status of the Cedar Grove project. She indicated that UPA funds have been designated for this site, bringing it to sequence 3 by late 2009. This includes the circulator buses and a small parking site. A presentation was made to the Eagan City Council on Jan. 22, and there was a lot of interest in the project. Miller also provided a brief overview of projects included in the UPA, including items that are region-wide improvements such as the left turn lane on to Highway 62 at Cedar.

## **VIII. Committee Reports**

### *A. Strategic Planning Committee*

Beverley Miller reported that MVTA Staff will be reporting in each month regarding activities that are under way based on the Strategic Planning work done in 2007. This month, the marketing plan was put into place. Margaret Schreiner of the Marketing Committee noted that the committee believed the plan accurately represented the work to be done this year, and that once again the committee met via e-mail and was very efficient.

### *B. STA*

The brochure created for STA was distributed to Board members. Copies will be used by James Clark and his team when meeting with Legislators.

## **IX. Staff Reports / Update**

### *A. Driver of the Year*

Jon Ulrich reminded Board members that the February meeting will be at the Cherokee Sirloin room and will be followed by the Driver of the Year dinner. Board members should RSVP to Robin Selvig regarding their plans to attend the meal.

**X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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

**Next Regular Meeting Scheduled: Feb. 27, 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: \_\_\_\_\_