

DATE: February 24, 2011
TO: Board Members unable to attend February 23 Regular MVTA Board meeting/TWGs
FROM: MVTA
RE: Meeting Summary

Here is a meeting summary of the MVTA February 23, 2011 regular meeting of the MVTA Board of Directors. Supplemental materials and meeting hand-outs are posted at http://www.mvta.com/MVTA_Board.html.

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Vice Chair Gary Hansen and a quorum was present.
2. The agenda and the Consent Agenda were approved after a question by Jane Victorey about the operations and expense reports. It was noted that accruals for 2010 have not yet been completed – particularly utilities. It was further noted that the CTIB billing accrual is awaiting a revised contract with Met Council for the AVTS and Cedar Grove facilities and operations for 2010.
3. Beverley Miller reviewed a memo regarding amendments to the MVTA's agreement with SRF for platform, canopy and waiting area extensions at the Apple Valley Transit Station in preparation of a multimodal/BRT implementation in 2012. Miller said that because many factors were unknown when the facility was constructed (such as the specific vehicles to be used and Dakota County's commitment to level boarding), these adjustments are needed. This specification will limit vehicle selection options. All will be subject to approvals by the City of Apple Valley and Dakota County. We are working with Dakota County regarding funding opportunities. The Board approved the contract amendments for SRF on a unanimous roll-call vote.
4. Beverley Miller presented information regarding the needed change in the MVTA Joint Powers Agreement to allow the MVTA to use tax-exempt lease-purchase financing. Jim Strommen mentioned that he and others at his firm have been in contact with legal counsel and administrators/managers at each MVTA city (except Rosemount) and all are fine with the concept. It will be placed on the consent agenda at an upcoming meeting. Rosemount's attorney has been out of town, but will also be contacted. Motion by Jane Victorey and seconded by William Droste to approve the resolution recommending approval of the first amendment to the Amended and restated MVTA Joins Powers Agreement. Motion carried.
5. Beverley Miller reviewed activities at the last STA meeting, noting that there was discussion of the Legislative Agenda and that the STAs have decided to lay-low for now regarding the governance structure of transit and proposed changes. Bill Droste said this would be a good time for the STAs to decide how it would like to be defined down the road, and that perhaps there could be some consolidation of some STAs in a few years.
6. Dan Kealey reported on a number of items, including his involvement in Chamber committees regarding transit and his commitment to the concept of the STAs. He concurs that there are some opportunities right now to lay groundwork for the future of the STAs as well as opportunities to collaborate with Metro Transit. He also stated that he took his first MVTA bus ride and that it was a very positive experience – from driver assistance to drop-off and pick-up locations. The Board thanked him for his testimonial.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for March 23 at 4:30 p.m. at the Burnsville Bus Garage.