

DATE: November 1, 2012
TO: Board Members unable to attend October 24 Regular MVTA Board Meeting/TWGs
FROM: MVTA
RE: Meeting Summary

Here is a meeting summary of the MVTA Oct. 24, 2012 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 4:40 p.m. by Chair Gary Hansen. A quorum was present.
2. The Agenda and Consent Agenda were approved.
3. Purchases by the Executive Director were included in the Board packet.
4. Lori Peterson provided background information to members of the MVTA Board regarding implementation of a Health Care Savings Plan. This is a public employer-sponsored plan that allows employees to save pre-tax money to pay post-employment medical expenses and/or health insurance premiums.
5. The plan takes a contribution from the employee's gross wages. The Finance Committee met to discuss this plan and believes it to be beneficial to the MVTA employees with minimal cost to the MVTA. Their recommendation is to apply vacation and a portion of sick-leave accrual to the Plan. Motion by Dan Kealey and seconded by Bill Droste that the MVTA implement a Health Care Savings Plan and that employees be able to contribute 150 percent of their current-year sick pay to the plan. It is also permissible for employees to designate unused vacation to such a plan upon termination of employment. Motion carried on a unanimous roll-call vote.
6. Lori Peterson will draft a policy for adoption by the MVTA Board in December. MVTA employees will receive a presentation from Lori and vote on participation in the Plan. The Plan would be implemented in January 2013. Jane Victorey thanked Lori for her hard work on this effort.
7. Beverley Miller reported that STA heard presentations from several organizations regarding legislative priorities and STA has a draft legislative agenda for further review/discussion at the Board meeting in November.
8. Bill Droste noted that he and Beverley Miller will be meeting with the Farmington Mayor and City Administrator to talk about the Rosemount Transit Station and the upstream movement of Farmington residents into the MVTA transit system.
9. Pictures of the Minnesota Public Transit Association (MPTA) conference Friend of Transit Award to Will Branning were distributed around the table.
10. Motion by Dan Kealey and seconded by Bill Droste to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: Next meeting is Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 4:30 p.m. at the Burnsville Bus Garage.