

DATE: May 23, 2013  
TO: Board Members unable to attend May 22 MVTA Bond Board and Regular MVTA Board meeting/TWGs  
FROM: MVTA  
RE: Meeting Summary

Here is a meeting summary of the MVTA May 22, 2013 regular meeting of the MVTA Board of Directors. Supplemental materials and meeting hand-outs are posted at [http://www.mvta.com/MVTA\\_Board.html](http://www.mvta.com/MVTA_Board.html).

1. The MVTA Bond Board meeting was called to order at 4:37 p.m. by Chair Gary Hansen. A quorum was present.
2. The Minutes of the April 24, 2013 and Dec. 12, 2012 MVTA Bond Board meeting were approved with Clint Hooppaw abstaining as he was not present at the meeting.
3. Jim Strommen reviewed a resolution to ratify Bond resolutions 13-001, 13-002, and 13-003 adopted to ensure an appropriate process was followed based on an old statute about how the MVTA Bond Board meetings must be “noticed” – physically at the meeting place three days prior to the “special” meeting. MVTA Bond Board meetings will always be considered “special” meetings. Motion by Clint Hooppaw and seconded by Bill Droste to adopt the resolution ratifying the three Bond Board resolutions. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Jane Victorey and seconded by Clint Hooppaw to adjourn the MVTA Bond Board at 4:42 p.m. Motion carried.
5. The MVTA Board was called to order at 4:43 p.m. and a quorum was present.
6. Dan Kealey introduced Heather Johnston, new City Manager for the City of Burnsville. He indicated that it was a strong and unanimous City Council vote to promote Heather and that everyone is enthusiastic to work with her. Heather responded that she is very pleased to be serving as the City Manager at Burnsville.
7. Gary Hansen then introduced Dave Osberg, Eagan’s new City Administrator. He indicated that they did not have an internal candidate, but had know of Dave based on joint work with the Dakota County Communications Center. Osberg was also familiar with Eagan given that he served as an intern under Tom Hedges in 1981-82. Osberg also noted that he is happy to be working as City Administrator for the City of Eagan.
8. Hansen then had everyone (guests and those at the table) introduce themselves. There were no public comments. The Agenda and the Consent Agenda (via unanimous roll-call vote) were approved (with Clint Hooppaw abstaining on the approval of the April 24 meeting minutes).
9. Beverley Miller pointed out the expense to LOGIS for equipment to move our servers from the Burnsville Transit Station to the Burnsville Bus Garage in order to be in a climate-controlled environment. Liz Workman asked if a column could be added to the report indicating funding source.
10. James Clark of Messerli and Kramer and Sherry Munyon on Capitol Access (lobbyists on behalf of the Suburban Transit Association) gave a brief update of the Legislative Session. There was disappointment that there was no additional funding for transit. Session accomplishments: All-day kindergarten, Higher-Ed tuition freeze for two years, Same-sex marriage approval, new Met Council districts and the establishment of unions for in-home child care.
11. Items which did not pass included an increase in minimum wage and an additional tax on alcohol and/or clothing.

12. Clark indicated that the Session started out on a high note at the Legislative Breakfast, and the both Councilmembers Gary Hansen of MVTA and Jeff Wosje of Plymouth were very helpful in testifying at the legislature. He indicated there was a very positive meeting with MnDOT Commissioner Charlie Zelle (who knew many of the STA representatives because of working relationship between Jefferson Lines and the transit agencies). There were also more than 50 in-office legislator meetings.
13. The best news for the MVTA was that as of June 30, the freeze on MVST funding at the 2011 levels will expire and the MVTA (and other STAs) should see some significant additional MVST revenue. Finally, he expressed appreciation for the support of Rep. Will Morgan, Rep. Laurie Halvorson and Sen. Jim Carlson. STA will want to recognize these and other key legislators for their support this session.
14. There was brief discussion of the Strategic Planning Committee's efforts to complete the Leadership and Governance section. Commissioner Workman had several questions, but given time constraints related to the bus tour of the Cedar Corridor, she was invited to attend the next meeting of the Committee on June 25. Others were also invited to share any comments they had about the information presented.
15. Motion by Clint Hooppaw and seconded by Bill Droste to adjourn the meeting at 5:22 p.m.
16. Board members then boarded the METRO Red Line bus for a tour of the Cedar Corridor. The bus stopped at the Apple Valley and Cedar Grove Transit Stations for Board members to step off the bus and explore a bit. The bus also briefly stopped at the 147<sup>th</sup> St. Station to view the boarding platform. Informational updates were provided regarding background on the project, the stations, training, the service, marketing plans and connections to the MVTA service. The bus returned to the Burnsville Bus Garage about 6:25 p.m.

Next Meeting: Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, June 26 at 4:30 p.m. at the Burnsville Bus Garage, 11550 Rupp Dr., Burnsville.