

MINNESOTA VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
APRIL 27, 2022 – 4:30 pm
Meeting conducted via video conference

BOARD MEMBERS

Kevin Burkart, Prior Lake
Jon Ulrich, Scott County
Gene Abbott, Savage
Gary Hansen, Eagan
Clint Hooppaw, Apple Valley
Dan Kealey, Burnsville
Jay Whiting, Shakopee

OTHERS PRESENT

Luther Wynder, MVTA
Kyle Adahl, MVTA
Rukia Aden, MVTA
Chad Deegan, MVTA
Tyre Fant, MVTA
Nene Israel, MVTA
Hani Lanzi, MVTA
Vicky Loehrer, MVTA
John Miller, MVTA
Ben Picone, MVTA
Samantha Porter, MVTA
Dan Rudiger, MVTA
Heidi Scholl, MVTA
Anthony Taylor, MVTA
Grace Vriezen, MVTA
Tania Wink, MVTA
Syreeta Goodwin, MVTA (contracted)
Ben Reber, Legal counsel
Josh Feldman, Eagan
Bill Forbord, Schmitt and Sons
Lisa Freese, Scott County
Tom Lovelace, Apple Valley
Cathy Lydon, Redpath
Alyssa Olson, Shakopee
Victoria Pena, Schmitt and Sons

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. by Chair Kevin Burkart. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved without objection.

III. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

IV. Introduction

Tyre Fant, IT Director, introduced Hani Lanzi, the new Systems Administrator. Fant noted that Lanzi is joining MVTA with 27 years of experience and a bachelor's degree in computer science.

V. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Jay Whiting and seconded by Gene Abbott to approve the Consent Agenda. A roll call vote was taken.

Abbott – Aye
Faulkner – Aye

Burkart – Aye
Whiting – Aye

Hooppaw – Aye
Hansen – Aye

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

A. Destination Signs

Aaron Bartling, Planning Manager, explained that staff requested approval to purchase fifty-seven designation signs from Hanover Displays with a "not to exceed" amount of \$400,000. The display signs are mounted on the front and side of buses to provide passengers information about where the route is being operated and the direction it is heading.

Bartling explained that the fifty-seven signs would replace existing signs that are failing and would establish greater consistency among our fleet when it comes to destination signs overall.

A motion was made by Clint Hooppaw and seconded by Gary Hansen to approve the purchase. A roll call vote was taken.

Abbott – Aye

Burkart – Aye

Hooppaw – Aye

Faulkner – Aye

Whiting – Aye

Hansen – Aye

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Suburban Transit Association

Luther Wynder, Chief Executive Officer, provided an update on the April 11 Suburban Transit Association meeting. Wynder said the Minnesota House passed a Transportation Omnibus bill that included \$1.3 million for micro transit services for suburban transit agencies. The next STA meeting was scheduled for May 9.

B. TAB

Dan Kealey provided an update on the April 20 Transportation Advisory Board meeting. He said TAB is planning to meet in-person in May and Kevin Burkart will be representing STA since Kealey will be unavailable. MnDOT reported that traffic deaths are a bit lower than the same time last year. The Metropolitan Airport Commission reported that as of April of this year there were 17,000 cars on an average parked at the airport daily.

C. Management Committee

1. 2021 Fund Financial Statements Audit Results

Tania Wink, Director of Finance, presented a summary of the 2021 Fund Financial Statements Audit Results along with representatives of Redpath and Company, MVTA's auditors.

During the audit, the auditors did not encounter any issue that resulted in a finding. The Management Committee recommended that the MVTA Board accept the 2021 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the 2021 Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and Independent Auditor's Reports and the associated auditor reports.

A motion by Clint Hooppaw and seconded by Gary Hansen to approve the 2021 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the 2021 Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and Independent Auditor's Reports and the associated auditor reports. A roll call vote was taken.

Abbott – Aye
Faulkner – Aye

Burkart – Aye
Whiting – Aye

Hooppaw – Aye
Hansen – Aye

2. Management Committee Composition/Leadership

Richard Crawford, Public Information Manager, reported that the Management Committee discussed the process for selecting future members of the MVTA Management Committee.

The recommendation was that commissioners who serve in leadership positions on the MVTA Board of Commissioners – Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer – be considered as primary candidates to serve on future Management Committees along with the prior Chair of the MVTA Board. Commissioners in leadership positions may choose to open their position on the Management Committee to MVTA Board members at large. MVTA bylaws direct the MVTA Board Chair to appoint members to committee positions and allow the MVTA Board Chair to appoint chairs of committees.

At the April Management Committee, Kevin Burkart was officially designated chair of the current Management Committee.

IX. Board and Staff Reports/Updates

A. 2022 First Quarter Ridership Report

Ben Picone, Transit Planner, provided an update on first-quarter ridership. Ridership has been growing month over month, but still down from pre-pandemic levels. In the first quarter, there were 180,463 rides. Express ridership continues to climb month over month. March of 2022 was the highest ridership since beginning of the pandemic.

MVTA Connect continues to see near continuous monthly records since November 2020.

Picone said the Planning Department is continuing gathering and documenting feedback from customers, operators to inform future service changes as ridership increases.

X. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 5:28 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Richard Crawford, Public Information Manager.
Next MVTA Board meeting is Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 4:30 pm, to be hosted via video conference. All MVTA Board meetings will be held at the posted date/time and location, unless otherwise noted.

Approved By	<i>Kevin Burkart</i>
Date	May 26, 2022

