

DATE: February 26, 2015
TO: Board Members unable to attend February 25 Regular MVTA Board meeting/TWGs
FROM: MVTA
RE: Meeting Summary

Here is a meeting summary of the MVTA February 25, 2015 regular meeting of the MVTA Board of Directors. Supplemental materials and meeting hand-outs are posted at <http://www.mvta.com/cms-files/february.pdf>.

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by Chair Clint Hooppaw. A quorum was present.
2. There was one addition to the agenda under “old business” regarding an additional modification to the MVTA drug-free workplace police. Motion by Bill Droste and seconded by Mike McGuire to approve the revised agenda. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Bill Coughlin and seconded by Bill Droste to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried on a unanimous roll-call vote.
4. Robin Selvig provided information regarding the additional change to the Drug-free workplace policy, indicating a “zero tolerance” or “second chance” status. This is required by the FTA and MVTA used the example of Schmitt and Sons to adopt a “second chance” policy. Councilor Michael Luce asked about termination if there is an egregious alcohol reading. It is likely other MVTA policies would dictate in that situation. Motion by Chris Gerlach and seconded by Mike McGuire to approve the revised policy. Motion carried.
5. Beverley Miller and Gary Hansen provided an update on STA, including meeting with Legislators. Thus far, MVTA has had about eight meetings with Legislators and has been well received. Discussions are ongoing regarding a demonstration project on the Hwy 169 corridor.
6. Jane Victorey introduced Lori Peterson regarding a Cost of Living update for staff. Peterson went through a presentation resulting in a recommendation for a 2.5 percent increase retroactive to January 1, 2015. Victorey said that the Management Committee recommended approval of the COLA. Motion by Jane Victorey and seconded by Bill Coughlin to approve the Cost of Living Adjustment. Motion carried on a unanimous roll-call vote.
7. Dakota County Commissioner Chris Gerlach thanked Jane Kansier for her excellent and comprehensive presentation to the Dakota/Scott Workforce Investment Board on which Gerlach serves. He also commented that the Dakota County Board did agree to stay as part of the MVTA, noting that the vote was 5-2, not 4-3 (Commissioner Gaylord voted with the majority).
8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m. to celebrate MVTA’s Drivers of the Year.

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, March 25 at 4:30 p.m. at the Burnsville Bus Garage, 11550 Rupp Drive, Burnsville.