

MINNESOTA VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Board Meeting

January 19, 2022 – 4:30 pm

Meeting conducted via video conference

Board Members Present:

Kevin Burkart, Prior Lake
Bill Droste, Rosemount,
for Tammy Block
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
Rukia Aden, MVTA
Aaron Bartling, MVTA
Richard Crawford, MVTA
Jason DeMoe, MVTA
Mandy Flum, MVTA
Nene Israel, MVTA
Cody Kruse, MVTA
Vicky Loehrer, MVTA
Dawn McGwire, MVTA
Ben Picone, MVTA
Samantha Porter, MVTA
Grace Vriezen, MVTA
KaSondra Wiederich, MVTA
Tania Wink, MVTA
Jenni Faulkner, Burnsville
Josh Feldman, Eagan,
Lisa Freese, Scott County
Tom Lovelace, Apple Valley
Casey McCabe, Prior Lake
Alyssa Olson, Shakopee
Bill Forbord, Schmitt and Sons
Victoria Pena, Schmitt and Sons
Ben Reber, Legal counsel

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by Chair, Clint Hooppaw. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of Agenda

A motion by Gene Abbott and seconded by Dan Kealey to approve the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. Election of Officers/Committee Assignments

A. Election of MVTA Board Officers

Public Information Manager, Richard Crawford, noted the first order of business for 2022 was the election of three leadership positions for the MVTA Board: Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer. Current Chair, Clint Hooppaw, was not eligible to be re-elected to the Chair position because he has served two consecutive 1-year terms.

Crawford explained that the MVTA Management Committee had recommended Kevin Burkart for the position of Chair and Tammy Block for the position of Vice-Chair and Jon Ulrich had indicated interest as serving as secretary/treasurer.

A motion by Kealey and seconded by Gary Hansen to elect Burkart to the position of MVTA Board Chair. Hooppaw called twice for any additional nominations and there were none. A roll call vote was taken.

Abbott – Aye	Burkart – Aye	Droste – Aye	Hansen – Aye
Kealey – Aye	Ulrich – Aye	Whiting – Aye	Hooppaw – Aye

After Burkart was elected Chair, he began leading the meeting and thanked Hooppaw for his leadership on the MVTA Board.

A motion by Hooppaw and seconded by Jay Whiting to elect Tammy Block to the position of MVTA Board Vice-Chair. Burkart called twice for any additional nominations and there were none. A roll call vote was taken.

Abbott – Aye	Droste – Aye	Hansen – Aye	Hooppaw – Aye
Kealey – Aye	Ulrich – Aye	Whiting – Aye	Burkart – Aye

A motion by Abbott and seconded by Hansen to elect Jon Ulrich to the position of MVTA Board Secretary/Treasurer. Burkart called twice for any additional nominations and there were none. A roll call vote was taken.

Abbott – Aye	Droste – Aye	Hansen – Aye	Hooppaw – Aye
Kealey – Aye	Ulrich – Aye	Whiting – Aye	Burkart – Aye

B. MVTA Board Committee Assignments

Public Information Manager, Crawford, explained that the MVTA Board also would be updating assignments for MVTA Board Committees, including the MVTA Management Committee and MVTA Partnership Committee. Commissioners Kevin Burkart, Clint Hooppaw, Gary Hansen, and Jon Ulrich have expressed interest in continuing to serve on the Management Committee. Often, the Vice-Chair also serves on the MVTA Management Committee. Ulrich said he would yield to Block if she is interested in being on the committee. Commissioners Abbott, Kealey, and Whiting expressed interest in serving



on the MVTA Partnership Committee and Burkart, who is Chair of the 169 Corridor Coalition, said he would represent MVTA on that committee.

Final committee assignments will be confirmed at the February 16, 2022 Board Meeting.

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

V. Consent Agenda

Hansen asked for clarification on Consent Agenda Item C – Partner City Expenditures – and what the item represented. Heidi Scholl, Director of Administration, explained that the expenditures were a snapshot of where MVTA dollars were spent in 2021 in partner cities. Burkart noted that the item grew out of a discussion in Prior Lake looking to create opportunities for local suppliers.

Hansen also asked a question related to Consent Agenda Item H – Wiley Reber Law Amendment. Hansen asked what the percentage increase in the contract was for MVTA’s legal counsel. Mandy Flum, Procurement and Contract Administrator, said the percentage increase was about 5.6 percent.

A motion by Whiting and seconded by Hansen to approve the Consent Agenda. A roll call vote was taken.

Abbott – Aye
Kealey – Aye

Droste – Aye
Ulrich – Aye

Hansen – Aye
Whiting – Aye

Hooppaw – Aye
Burkart – Aye

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Suburban Transit Association

Luther Wynder, Chief Executive Officer, provided a recap of the January 10, 2022, Suburban Transit Association meeting. Wynder said the focus this month is preparing legislative priorities for a February 7 presentation to local legislators.

B. Management Committee

Crawford, Public Information Manager, said the MVTA Management Committee discussed MVTA Board leadership positions and the Chief Executive Officer performance review during the January meeting.

IX. Board and Staff Reports/Updates

A. Connections

Crawford, Public Information Manager, provided updates on recent outreach efforts on 2022 service plans for the 4FUN Bus, Renaissance Festival, and Burnsville Fire Muster.

Aaron Bartling, Planning Manager, updated the MVTA Board on the status of the Systemwide Study and that the final round of outreach is underway. Staff also will be engaging with local planners, employers, and customers to gather feedback ahead of final systemwide design recommendations.

Scholl, Director of Administration, provided an overview of the MN Way marketing

campaign, which includes MVTA provided a wrapped MN Way bus as a warming house for upcoming events in our service area.

X. Closed Meeting – CEO 2021 Performance Review

A motion was made by Whiting and seconded by Bill Droste to close the meeting to discuss the CEO Performance Review for 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. Adjourn

A motion was made by Hooppaw and seconded by Abbott to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes Prepared by: Richard Crawford

Next Regular Meeting is Wednesday, February 16, 2022 - 4:30 p.m., to be hosted via video conference. All regularly scheduled MVTA Board meetings will be held at the posted time and location unless otherwise notified.

Approved by: Kevin Burkart

Date: 02/17/2022
