

MINNESOTA VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING

March 30, 2022 – 4:30 pm

Meeting conducted via video conference

BOARD MEMBERS

Tammy Block, Rosemount
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
Jason DeMoe, MVTA
Tyre Fant, MVTA
Vicky Loehrer, MVTA
John Miller, MVTA
Ben Picone, MVTA
Dan Rudiger, MVTA
Heidi Scholl, MVTA
Anthony Taylor, MVTA
Grace Vriezen, MVTA
Tania Wink, MVTA
Syreeta Goodwin, MVTA (contracted)
Ben Reber, Legal counsel
Bill Forbord, Schmitt and Sons
Victoria Pena, Schmitt and Sons
Greg Elsborg, DART
Tom Lovelace, Apple Valley
Josh Feldman, Eagan
Lisa Freeze, Scott County
Alyssa Olson, Shakopee
Bryce Schuenke, Elko New Market

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Vice Chair Tammy Block. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of Agenda

Luther Wynder, MVTA Chief Executive Officer, added a walk-on item under Committee Updates – Suburban Transit Association (Legislative Update). The agenda was approved as revised.

A motion by Jay Whiting and seconded by Jon Ulrich to approve the agenda. A roll call vote was taken.

Abbott – Aye	Block – Aye	Hooppaw – Aye
Faulkner – Aye	Whiting – Aye	Hansen – Aye

III. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

IV. Introduction

Heidi Scholl, MVTA Director of Administration, introduced Anthony Taylor, MVTA Manager, Infrastructure and Capital Projects. Taylor praised the strong group of people working for MVTA. He said he is excited to get going and work with everyone at MVTA.

V. Consent Agenda

A motion by Clint Hooppaw and seconded by Gene Abbott to approve the Consent Agenda. A roll call vote was taken.

Abbott – Aye	Block – Aye	Hooppaw – Aye
Faulkner – Aye	Whiting – Aye	Hansen – Aye

VI. Old Business

Approval of Amendment No. 7 to C-10018 (Schmittty and Sons Transit)

Heidi Scholl, MVTA Director of Administration, provided an overview of this amendment, which included a request for a \$3 increase per platform hour on weekends. MVTA’s 2022 Operating Budget reflects the platform hourly rate increase for operations, therefore, the negotiated adjustment is within budget.

A motion by Gary Hansen and seconded by Jay Whiting to approve the amendment. A roll call vote was taken.

Abbott – Aye
Faulkner – Aye

Block – Aye
Whiting – Aye

Hooppaw - Aye
Hansen – Aye

VII. New Business

A. Approval of Contract No. C-10179 (Stantec – Sustainability Plan)

Heidi Scholl, MVTA Director of Administration, and Grace Vriezen, MVTA Transit Planner, provided information on a contract proposal with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. for an MVTA Sustainability Plan. Three proposals were submitted in an RFP process and an MVTA evaluation panel selected two firms for interviews and selected Stantec after the interview/negotiation process.

Stantec's proposal cost is \$202,808 and MVTA has identified operating dollars in the 2022 Operating Budget.

Vriezen said that the consultant will assist in reviewing existing conditions for the agency and decide on actions MVTA can take in the short- and long-term to meet sustainability goals.

A motion by Jay Whiting and seconded by Jon Ulrich to approve the contract. A roll call vote was taken.

Abbott – Aye
Faulkner – Aye

Block – Aye
Whiting – Aye

Hooppaw - Aye
Hansen – Aye

B. Approval of Agreement No. A-10088 (DART – Mobile Application)

Tyre Fant, MVTA Director of IT, provided an overview of a proposed agreement with the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Authority for DART GoPass Mobile Application Replacement Services.

Since 2019, MVTA has utilized a different vendor to provide customers with real-time trip planning, traveler notifications, and mobile payments for special services. MVTA has been exploring different vendors to improve customer experience. MVTA reviewed six vendors and the DART app was identified as the best solution.

Greg Elsborg, a representative of Dallas Area Rapid Transit, provided an overview of the GoPass Mobile Application. The first version of the GoPass app was introduced in 2013 and the app was the first to be used by multiple agencies. Advantages include allowing users to trip plan using both fixed-route buses and MVTA

Connect at the same time. The app will also provide rider alerts, access to the e-lets See Say Now safety program and expanded mobile ticketing options.

MVTA negotiated a first-year cost of \$131,000 and year two through year five with an annual cost of \$90,000. The software total for five years not to exceed \$500,000. DART has indicated since most of the functions are readily available, and in use, the app go-live date is 37 days from project kick-off.

A motion by Dan Kealey and seconded by Gene Abbott to approve the agreement with DART. A roll call vote was taken.

Abbott – Aye	Block – Aye	Hooppaw - Aye
Faulkner – Aye	Whiting – Aye	Hansen – Aye

VIII. Committee Report

A. Suburban Transit Association

The next STA meeting was scheduled for April 11.

IX. Board and Staff Reports/Updates

Dan Kealey reported that STA was able to provide a monthly update at TAB that was well received and he was looking forward to providing regular updates at future meetings.

X. Adjourn¹

The meeting was adjourned, without objection, at 5:40 pm.

Minutes Prepared by: Jason DeMoe, Customer Service Specialist

Next MVTA Board meeting is Wednesday, April 27, 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	04/28/2022