

MINNESOTA VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
Regular Board Meeting
May 24, 2017 – 4:30 p.m.
Burnsville Bus Garage

Board Members Present:

Jon Ulrich, Scott County
Clint Hooppaw, Apple Valley
Jane Victorey, Savage
Gary Hansen, Eagan
William Droste, Rosemount
Jay Whiting, Shakopee
Chris Gerlach, Dakota County

Others Present:

Luther Wynder, MVTA Executive Director
Lizzie Brodeen-Kuo, Kennedy and Graven
Casey McCabe, Prior Lake
Kristi Sellwood, MVTA Customer Service
Lois Spear, MVTA Finance Director
Steve LaFrance, MVTA Facilities Manager
Jen Lehmann, MVTA Planning Manager
Richard Crawford, MVTA Public Information
Manager
Aaron Bartling, MVTA Transit Planner
Joe Morneau, Dakota County TWG
Tom Lovelace, Apple Valley
John Arvidson, Schmitty & Sons
Connie Massengale, Schmitty and Sons
Heather Ageson-Huebner, Met Council
Kyle Klatt, Rosemount
Lisa Freese, Scott County
Bob Crawford, Elko New Market

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chair Jon Ulrich. A quorum was present.

II. Public Comments

MVTA Public Information Manager, Richard Crawford, was introduced by Luther Wynder.

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Gary Hansen and seconded by Chris Gerlach to approve the agenda. A roll-call vote followed.

Ulrich – Aye

Victorey – Aye

McCabe – Aye

Whiting – Aye

Droste – Aye

Hansen – Aye

Hooppaw – Aye

Gerlach - Aye

Motion carried.

Jay Whiting took Oath of Office.

IV. Consent Agenda

Motion by Clint Hooppaw and seconded by Jay Whiting to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

None

VII. Committee Reports

A. STA

Luther Wynder reported that The Legislature is in Special Session. The latest transportation bill provides \$70 million for the biennium for Metropolitan Area Transit and another \$1 million to suburban systems for a demonstration project. Also, the bill provides a minimum amount of RAMVST for the next biennium of .35% of total MVST. There is language requiring greater transparency from the Council with stakeholder involvement on how they calculate the RAMVST distribution.

VIII. Board and Staff Reports / Updates

A. MVTA Staff

1. MVTA Annual Report

Aaron Bartling presented the MVTA 2016 Annual Report draft. Overview included 2016 Highlights such as new direct service between Rosemount and St. Paul, New suburb-to-suburb express service between Shakopee and Mall of America (Route 495) and MVTA's first *Stuff the Bus* campaign. System-wide statistics included 2016 revenue breakdown, performance measures and annual ridership by service type. The service breakdown gave a closer look at performance measures based on express, local and flex service as well as a brief summary of statistics based on MVTA's 2016 Rider Survey. The final page of the draft included annual ridership from 2012 through 2016 and the top routes in 2016. Once finalized, the report will be available for distribution to elected officials as well as to the public via MVTA's website.

2. Red Line

Jen Lehmann provided a brief update regarding the Red Line, which began using the new Cedar Grove Online Station on Saturday, May 20. Overall timing has been good. MVTA is currently working with Metro Transit toward refining the frequency of Red Line service from 15 minutes to 20 minutes. Gary Hansen noted he has received positive feedback from Eagan residents regarding Red Line service.

3. Cedar Grove Online Station

Luther Wynder reported that he and Schmitt & Sons staff were on site for the first day of service at the Cedar Grove Online Station on May 20, 2017. Free rides on Red Line and connecting routes were offered over that weekend. Riders expressed a number of views concerning the station and many were pleased with the new station. Some customer concerns included length of walk and lack of amenities such as seating and restrooms. Signage to help direct riders has been added since the opening day. A Grand Opening Celebration is scheduled for June 1, 2017 at 3:00 pm and will be followed by a customer appreciation event.

IX. Adjournment

Motion by Bill Droste and seconded by Gary Hansen to adjourn the meeting at 4:58 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes Prepared by: Kristi Sellwood

Next Regular Meeting Scheduled: Wednesday – June 28, 2017, 4:30 p.m. Burnsville Bus Garage, 11550 Rupp Drive, Burnsville, MN

All regularly scheduled Board meetings will be held on the **FOURTH** Wednesday of the month at the posted time and location unless otherwise notified except the meetings in March and August will be held on the **FIFTH** Wednesday.

Approved by: _____ Date: _____