

MINNESOTA VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Regular Board Meeting

May 26, 2021 – 4:30 p.m.

Meeting Conducted via Video Conference

Board Members Present:

Clint Hooppaw, Apple Valley

Kevin Burkart, Prior Lake

Jon Ulrich, Scott County

Tammy Block, Rosemount

Jenni Faulkner, Burnsville,

for Dan Kealey

Josh Feldman, Gary Hansen, Eagan

Gene Abbott, Savage

Jay Whiting, Shakopee

Others Present:

Luther Wynder, MVTA

Heidi Scholl, MVTA

Richard Crawford, MVTA

Tania Wink, MVTA

Tyre Fant, MVTA

Ben Picone, MVTA

Grace Vriezen, MVTA

Nene Israel, MVTA

Dawn McGuire, MVTA

Samantha Porter, MVTA

Aaron Bartling, MVTA

Chad Deegan, MVTA

Dan Rudiger, MVTA

Steve LaFrance, MVTA

Cody Kruse, MVTA

Jason DeMoe, MVTA

Lisa Freese, Scott County

Kyle Klatt, Apple Valley

Amanda Novak, Elko New Market

Connie Massengale, Schmitt and Sons

Victoria Pena, Schmitt and Sons

Bill Forbord, Schmitt and Sons

Tom Lovelace, City of Apple Valley

Ben Reber, Legal counsel

Cathy Lydon, Redpath

Melissa Johnson, Redpath

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Agenda

A Motion by Kevin Burkart and seconded by Jon Ulrich to approve the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

IV. Consent Agenda

A Motion by Jay Whiting and seconded by Gene Abbott to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. A roll call vote was taken.

Hooppaw – Aye Block – Aye Abbott – Aye
Burkart – Aye Faulkner – Aye Whiting – Aye
Ulrich – Aye Feldman – Aye

V. Old Business - None

VI. New Business - None

VII. Committee Reports

A. Management Committee Meeting

1. Redpath & Co. 2020 Annual Report Presentation

MVTA Finance Director, Tania Wink, introduced discussion on the 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Associated Auditor Reports. The MVTA Management Committee reviewed the reports at its May meeting. Wink noted that during the course of the audit, auditors did not encounter any issues that resulted in a finding.

Representatives of Redpath and Company reviewed audit results with the board. The financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Authority in accordance with accounting standards. In other words, a “clean opinion,” according to Red Path.

MVTA also received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial reporting. According to Redpath, the Award demonstrates MVTA’s commitment to preparing Financial Statements that are comprehensive, transparent and consistent with Accounting standards.

A Motion by Jay Whiting and seconded by Jenni Faulkner to accept the 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the 2020 Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and Independent Auditor’s Reports and the associated auditor reports. A roll call vote was taken.

Hooppaw – Aye Block – Aye Abbott – Aye
McCabe – Aye Kealey – Aye Whiting – Aye
Ulrich – Aye Hansen – Aye

B. STA Meeting (May 10, 2021)

MVTA Chief Executive Officer, Luther Wynder, said Motor Vehicle Sales Tax funding continued to be strong and outlined legislative bills specific to the distribution formula for the federal COVID 19 relief funding and ensuring Suburban Transit Providers receive a proportionate relief funding. The next STA meeting is scheduled for June 14.

Gary Hansen gave an update on the latest Transportation Advisory Board meeting.

Kevin Burkart said STA is continuing to have discussions with Met Council representatives and the Met Council is interested in more formal advisory board

arrangement. Burkart noted that the STA is supportive of legislation looking at the potential of moving STA under MnDOT as a planning organization. However, communication with the Met Council will need to continue regardless.

VIII. Board and Staff Reports/Updates

A. Summer Circulator (4FUN) Update

MVTA Public Information Manager, Richard Crawford, and MVTA Transit Planner, Ben Picone, provided information on a new weekend summer route that will serve Mall of America, Valleyfair, Canterbury Park and Mystic Lake Casino. The route will be branded as the 4FUN bus and service will begin on June 5 and run through mid-September. Service will run hourly in both directions and provide connections between the Scott County attractions and to the greater transit system through the transit hub at Mall of America. MVTA is in the process of marketing the new service. Kevin Burkart suggested focusing on the Mall of America area and specifically hotels around the mall.

B. Vaccine Event Update


MVTA Public Information Manager, Richard Crawford, provided information on a mobile vaccination program scheduled at Apple Valley Transit Station on May 27. The program is part of the Minnesota Department of Health vaccine distribution strategy intended to bring vaccines to people who would otherwise have a hard time getting vaccinated due to barriers, including: transportation, technology and geographic location.

IX. Adjourn

A Motion was made by Tamara Block and seconded by Whiting to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes Prepared by: Richard Crawford

Next Regular Meeting is Wednesday, June 23, 4:30 p.m., to be conducted via video conference. All regularly scheduled Board meetings will be held at the posted time and location unless otherwise notified.

Approved by: 

Date: 6/24/2021