

MINNESOTA VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Regular Board Meeting

October 28, 2020 – 4:30 p.m.

Meeting conducted via video conference

Board Members Present:

Clint Hooppaw, Apple Valley
Kevin Burkart, Prior Lake
Jon Ulrich, Scott County
Chris Gerlach, Dakota County
Dan Kealey, Burnsville
Gary Hansen, Eagan
Gene Abbott, Savage
Jay Whiting, Shakopee
William Droste, Rosemount

Others Present:

Luther Wynder, MVTA
Heidi Scholl, MVTA
Richard Crawford, MVTA
Aaron Bartling, MVTA
Tania Wink, MVTA
Tyre Fant, MVTA
Ben Picone, MVTA
Grace Vriezen, MVTA
Nene Israel, MVTA
Dawn McGuire, MVTA
Steve LaFrance, MVTA
Kyle Adahl, MVTA
John Miller, MVTA
Connie Massengale, Schmitt and Sons
Bill Forbord, Schmitt and Sons
Jenni Faulkner, City of Burnsville
PeggySue Imihy, City of Shakopee
Joe Morneau, Dakota County
Tom Lovelace, City of Apple Valley
Josh Feldman, City of Eagan
Ben Reber, Wiley Law Office

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. by Chair Clint Hooppaw. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of Agenda

Chair Hooppaw noted that a closed session on the Red Line was being added to the agenda. That was made IX. as a closed session to address the Red Line.

A motion by Gene Abbott and seconded by William Droste to approve the agenda. The Agenda was approved 8-0 (Dan Kealey away).

III. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

IV. Consent Agenda

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

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

V. Old Business

A. Approval of C-10150; LHB Inc. (Burnsville Bus Garage modernization construction administration services)

Heidi Scholl, MVTA Director of Administration, presented a contract proposal for construction administration services for Burnsville Bus Garage modernization. MVTA received six proposals for the project. An evaluation panel selected four firms to be interviewed. LHB Inc.'s proposal offered extensive experience with transportation maintenance facilities, a competitive price and in-house expertise. The contractor will provide construction administration services for the grant recently awarded for the Burnsville Bus Garage Modernizations Project.

A Motion by Kevin Burkart and seconded by Chris Gerlach to approve the contract with LHB, Inc. A roll call vote was taken.

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

VI. New Business

VII. Committee Reports

A. STA

Luther Wynder, MVTA Chief Executive Officer, reported on an Oct. 26 presentation he gave on behalf of the Suburban Transit Association to the Governor's Blue Ribbon Committee on Metropolitan Council Governance. Wynder said he shared information on the history of STA and spoke about the innovation and contributions of STA to transit in the region. Regarding governance, STA hopes for equitable oversight and desires to have "a seat at the table" on transit decision-making. He also shared information regarding the STA area's contribution to statewide MVST funds and the limited funding that is returned to STA agencies.

B. Management Committee

1. MVTA staff provided an updated regarding various facility improvement projects underway at Burnsville Bus Garage (BBG) and Burnsville Transit Station (BTS). The primary focus of the facility improvements is to adhere to building code(s), focus on facility ongoing maintenance/state of good repair, ensure safe spaced for customers and employees, implement modifications due to COVID guidelines, and to implement thoughtful design improvements.

The MVTA Board is expected to take action on facility projects at its Dec. 16 meeting. Construction work would be expected to be completed by summer 2021.

VIII. Board and Staff Reports

A. Third Quarter Ridership Report

Ben Picone, MVTA Transportation Planner, provided an update on third-quarter ridership. Overall ridership is down more than 62 percent year-over-year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Since April, ridership has grown and local and express services are being phased back in. Picone noted that MVTA Connect has been expanded to serve Apple Valley and Rosemount and that Route 436 has added extensions to serve the Omni Hotel in the Viking Lakes area.

Ulrich encouraged MVTA to continue working with the Community Development Agencies in Scott and Dakota counties regarding MVTA Connect expansion regarding work force housing developments.

IX. Executive Session

A Motion was made by Gerlach and seconded by Burkart to move to a closed session covered by attorney-client privilege to discuss the Red Line. A roll call vote was taken. (Whiting away).

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

X. Adjournment

A Motion was made by Kealey and seconded by Droste to adjourn the meeting at 6 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes Prepared by: Richard Crawford

Next Regular Meeting Scheduled Wednesday, Dec. 16, 4:30 p.m., at Burnsville Bus Garage, 11550 Rupp Drive, Burnsville, MN. All regularly scheduled Board meetings will be held at the posted time and location unless otherwise notified.

Approved by: _____

Date: _____