

MINNESOTA VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Regular Board Meeting
April 10, 2019 – 4:30 p.m.
Burnsville Bus Garage

Board Members Present:

William Droste, Rosemount
Bob Coughlen, Savage
Gary Hansen, Eagan
Dan Kealey, Burnsville
Clint Hooppaw, Apple Valley
Lisa Freese, Scott County
Jay Whiting, Shakopee
Kevin Burkart, Prior Lake
Jon Schwichtenberg, Elko
New Market (ex-officio)

Others Present:

Luther Wynder, MVTA Executive Director
Heidi Scholl, MVTA
Tania Wink, MVTA
Richard Crawford, MVTA
Aaron Bartling, MVTA
Matthew Rosenbloom-Jones, MVTA
Tyre Fant, MVTA
Dawn McGuire, MVTA
Joe Smetana, MVTA
Tom Lovelace, Apple Valley
Bill Forbord, Schmitt and Sons
Connie Massengale, Schmitt and Sons

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Agenda

A motion by Clint Hooppaw and seconded by Bob Coughlen to approve the agenda. The Agenda was approved unanimously.

MVTA commissioners introduced themselves to Jon Schwichtenberg, who was attending his first MVTA Board Meeting as an ex-officio board member for the city of Elko New Market.

III. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

IV. Consent Agenda

A Motion by Dan Kealey and seconded by Kevin Burkart to approve the Consent Agenda. A roll call vote was taken.

Burkart – Aye	Hansen – Aye
Coughlen– Aye	Hooppaw– Aye
Kealey – Aye	Droste – Aye

V. Old Business

A. CAD/AVL Update

Tyre Fant, MVTA IT Manager, provided an update and the CAD/AVL (Computer Assisted Dispatch/ Automated Vehicle Locator) implementation project.

MVTA is currently working on Milestone No. 6 with the Avail implementation – Pilot Test Completion and Approval. The pilot test was completed on routes 445, 421, and 465. Fant said the system performed mostly as expected with some issues identified for retesting and resolution. The Pilot Test Completion and Approval is a critical step in the process.

Thus far, \$900,000 -- or 45% of the contract -- has been paid to Avail as part of the CAD/AVL implementation.

The project status remains on track and MVTA staff will work through remaining issues with Avail before proceeding with vehicle installations.

Hooppaw said operators have experienced the brunt of the burden of the last two CAD/AVL systems and that a celebration should be planned once the system is completed.

Droste asked if real-time data still will be shared with customers and Fant said that a real-time app would be available when the system is fully operational.

VI. New Business

None

VII. Committee Reports

A. STA Report

Luther Wynder, MVTA Executive Director, provided an update on recent Suburban Transit Association meetings.

Wynder said STA representatives had a good introductory discussion with new Metropolitan Council Chair Nora Slawik at an April 8 meeting.

STA representatives also discussed current House and Senate bills under consideration at the Legislature. While the House bill (No. 1555) contained a slight increase in the percentage of Motor Vehicle Sales Tax that would go to Suburban Transit Providers, the amount that would be apportioned to MVTA would be about \$1 million, which would not be enough to cover four retired buses currently operating on Route 495. The Senate bill currently had no additional funding identified for Suburban Transit Providers. Both House and Senate versions provide for a minimum floor for Regionally Allocated Motor Vehicle Sales Tax funds.

Hooppaw said as the STA continues to testify before the House and Senate MVTA should continue to share about our partnerships and how Apple Valley Transit Station is at capacity.

B. Management Committee

No meeting

C. Partnership Committee Update

1. Get on Board Commuter Challenge

Richard Crawford, MVTA Public Information Manager, gave a presentation on MVTA's upcoming Get on Board Commuter Challenge. MVTA's first Get on Board Commuter Challenge will be April 22 – 28 in conjunction with the American Public Transportation Association's first Get on Board Day.

Participants who alter their commutes during the week may be eligible to win prizes donated by area businesses in support of encouraging residents to walk, bike, carpool and use public transportation.

MVTA commissioners unanimously approved a resolution in support of Get on Board Day and MVTA's commuter challenge and the resolution was made available to member cities for consideration.

IX. Board and Staff Reports

A. DCTC Update

Aaron Bartling, MVTA Transit Planner, provided an overview of Route 421 ridership. Route 421 began serving Dakota County Technical College last fall with funding support from Dakota County.

From August through December of 2018, the DCTC stop had about 17 riders per day. Route 420 ridership showed a year-over-year increase in ridership of 9 percent for the first semester of school. Bartling said MVTA plans to continue promotion of the DCTC extension and will be reaching out to area high schools to ensure students are aware of the transportation option to the college.

B. 2018 Annual Report

Richard Crawford, MVTA Public Information Manager, furnished a draft copy of MVTA's 2018 annual report. Commissioners were encouraged to review the draft and share any suggestions prior to printing. Crawford encouraged commissioners to forward any suggestions by Friday, April 19.

X. Adjournment

A Motion was made by Kealey and seconded by Gary Hansen to adjourn the meeting at 5:08 p.m. The motion passed unanimously

Minutes Prepared by: Richard Crawford

Next Regular Meeting Scheduled Wednesday, May 22, 4:30 p.m., at 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.

Approved by:  Date: MAY 22, 2019