

River Valley Metro Mass Transit District
December 22, 2009
Minutes

Chairman Hinderliter called the regularly scheduled River Valley Metro Board of Directors meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Attending Board Members: Chairman David Hinderliter, Vice Chairman Jaclyn Dugan-Roof, Treasurer Mark Regel, Secretary Jerry Pearce, and Board Members Norman Grimsley, and Kelly St. Aubin, absent: Carole Franke.

Staff Members Present: Managing Director; Robert Hoffmann, Recording Secretary and Director of Marketing; Michelle Brutlag and Director of Finance and Grants; Lois Bentley.

Others Present: Mike Lammey (Kankakee County Planning Department)

Pledge of Allegiance: Robert Hoffmann led the Metro Board and others in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public with Business to Come Before the Board: None

Consent Agenda: Kelly St. Aubin made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Norman Grimsley seconded the motion. A voice roll call was taken with all in favor. Motion carried. Consent agenda approved.

Communications:

Chairman's Report: Wanted to thank everyone that could attend the 10th anniversary luncheon held at the Kankakee Country Club.

Managing Director's Report:

Ridership year to date is 326,305 almost 26% more than last year.

Thanked David Hinderliter and Jerry Pearce for helping with the Stuff the Bus campaign. We collected 60 bags of food and \$300.00 in cash that was split between the Salvation Army and the Center of Hope.

House passed a short term extension to keep us funded until something permanent is passed. There is also another jobs bill with stimulus of \$1.3 million capital money.

There is also language that keeps us from having to match or current federal capital money.

Need to put on our agenda in January to appoint a Freedom of Information Officer. The scanning process we are now utilizing will make it easier for us to comply.

New Business:

SERVICE MODIFICATIONS:

Multiple service changes coming February 1, and we have to give 30 days notice, but no public hearing because we are not eliminating service.

- University Park: Will only depart from Metro Centre, will eliminate Northfield Sq. Mall Stop. Will adjust the schedule to better match the train schedule.
- Route #6 – Will change schedule to add time points for Aldi and clarify the schedule to know if they are running the A or the B route.
- Route #7 & Route #8 will change the routes to continue down Court St. and turn left on Harrison St. to Oak St. and back. Mayor Epstein is going to stripe out an area in front of the library for a bus stop and shelter.
- Route #9 we are making two alterations to route at the request of the village. They will be putting in the signs and concrete and striping out the curb.
- Route #3 return route from the mall will now serve Route 50 south of Broadway and Indiana Ave to Oak St. These areas are currently not served.

ELIMINATION OF FLAG SYSTEM

Policy change to eliminate the flag system is being presented for Board approval. All routes are almost signed. This will help keep our routes on time. Motion was made to change the policy to eliminate the flag system as of February 1, 2010. Motion made by Jerry Pearce and seconded by Jaclyn Dugan-Roof. The goal is to have the stops approximately 3 blocks apart. Some places will be closer, others will be farther apart. All stops will be marked. A voice roll call was taken with all in favor. Motion carried. Elimination of flag system approved.

KANKAKEE TRANSFER STATION

Reviewed plans for new transfer station that will call for us to purchase the Firestone building and swap the land with the area where we want to put the station. This station should meet our needs for a long time to come. Mr. Hoffmann wanted approval to proceed with this and meet with the City of Kankakee officials and the Kankakee County officials. They are also throwing around funds that this fits into that would allow us to build this and the Bradley transfer station in the next year.

Old Business:

UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:

- Still working on the gates
- Still waiting on an answer from Com Ed on the canopy, may have to cut off about 1 foot of a corner
- Still waiting on the roof
- 13 of 16 cameras are installed and working, the other three are installed on the canopy. Had a demo of the cameras.

INSURANCE UPDATE: Have reached an agreement with First Transit and we are back to full coverage with our employees driving the vehicles. We are in the process of either recertifying or training of DOT physicals. Our employees will be trained by First Transit.

Questions from the news media: None

Other Business to Come Before the Board: None

Motion to adjourn by Mark Regel, seconded by Jerry Pearce, and a unanimous yes vote of members, meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.