

**River Valley Metro Mass Transit District**  
**Metro Centre, 1137 E 5000 North Road, Bourbonnais IL 60914**  
**Board of Director Meeting Minutes**  
**January 27, 2026**

Chairman Argyelan called the regular monthly River Valley Metro Board of Directors meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

**Attending Board Members:** Chairman Mark Argyelan, Vice-Chairman Jerry Pearce, Secretary Nick Allen, Treasurer Ron Jackson, Board Members David Hinderliter, Kenny Blake, and Ryan Nugent.

Members Absent: None

**Staff Members Present:** Managing Director Siron Sims, Project Manager Cortney Koning, COO Ken Munjoy, Director of Facilities Tim Goodman, MPO Tobe Fulford, Director of Administration Mandy Taylor, Assistant Director of Administration Bri Whybrew

**Others Present:** We Drive U G.M. Rod Kimbrough

**Pledge of Allegiance led by:** Ron Jackson

**Public with Business to Come Before the Board:**

None

**Consent Agenda:** Nick Allen made a motion to approve the consent agenda. David Hinderliter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken of those in attendance, with all in favor. Consent agenda approved.

**Communications:**

**Chairman's Report:** Mark Argyelan

None

**Managing Director's Report:** Siron Sims

Our audit results should be on next month's agenda. Results will be sent to board members for review as soon as we receive them.

It is possible that there will be a partial federal government shutdown beginning this Friday. We are prepared and will submit payment requests prior to Friday.

The server that was previously approved for purchase has experienced a price increase. We are going back out to bid to assure that we are getting the best value.

### **Operations Report:**

Rod Kimbrough reported that we currently have 55 operators 48 are full-time and 7 are part-time.

In December, we had 3 preventable and 1 non-preventable accidents. So far in January, we have had 1 non-preventable accident.

Our speeding violation rate is well below the We Drive U average.

Ken Munjoy reported that November ridership this year was 44,092, compared to 49,750 last year. Ridership in December was 48,406 compared to 48,332 last year. FY year-to-date rides are down 3.5 % from last year. CCS and Transit Officers transported 83 people in November and December.

In the previous 60 days, we have had a total of 18 complaints, 10 of which were valid. We received two compliments plus 4 very complimentary Net Promoter Score surveys.

### **Complaints/Comments:** Ken Munjoy

In the last month, there were 14 complaints, 11 of which were valid. All have been resolved.

### **Board Report:**

David Hinderliter reminded others to participate in the APTA survey.

### **New Business**

#### Replacement Vehicles

We are planning to replace the Durango and one Jeep with two Ford Explorers from Court Street Ford (Low bidder). We received \$11,000 for the Durango when it was totaled. The balance for the cost of the two Explorers will be paid with CARES Act funding that was left over from the Metro Centre project.

The Maintenance truck and the Facilities truck are in the manufacturing process now.

Jerry Pearce made a motion to approve the purchase of the two Explorers. Motion was seconded by Ryan Nugent and passed unanimously.

#### Employee Introduction

Mandy plans to retire in about 5 years. Training for her position is extensive. Brianne Whybrew has been hired as Assistant Director of Administration to assist Mandy now and take over the position when Mandy retires.

#### **Old Business**

##### Microtransit Study

Via sent a contract to us, which was forwarded to our attorney. He made some changes, and the contract was sent back to Via. We are awaiting their response.

#### **Questions from the news media:**

None

#### **Other Business to come Before the Board:**

None

#### **Executive Session:**

None

#### **Adjournment**

Jerry Pearce made a motion to adjourn at 8:31 AM. Motion was seconded by Kenny Blake and passed unanimously in a voice vote.