

River Valley Metro Mass Transit District
Metro Centre, 1137 E 5000 North Road, Bourbonnais IL 60914
Board of Director Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2026

Chairman Argyelan called the regular monthly River Valley Metro Board of Directors meeting to order at 8:01 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, MPO Tobe Fulford, Director of Administration Mandy Taylor, Assistant Director of Administration Bri Whybrew

Others Present: None

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Mark Argyelan

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

The annual Statement of Economic Interests is due by May 1.

Managing Director's Report: Siron Sims

We received the first draft of our audit this morning. It will be on the March meeting agenda.

We have VIN's for all of the support vehicles that have been ordered. We do not yet have delivery dates.

We have a furnace issue in the admin suite. Glade was here yesterday, but it is still not fixed. If it needs to be replaced, we will use CARES Act money.

Operations Report:

Siron Sims reported that we currently have 47 full time and 9 part-time operators.

In January, we had 1 preventable accident and none so far in February.

Ken Munjoy reported that January ridership this year was 44,793, compared to 46,669 last year. FY year-to-date rides are down 3.6 % from last year. In January, we had 9 consecutive days of free rides due to below-zero windchills.

CCS and Transit Officers transported 31 people in January.

Complaints/Comments: Ken Munjoy

In the previous 4 weeks, we had a total of 10 complaints, 6 of which were valid. We received one compliment from a former resident/customer.

Board Report:

None

New Business

FY 27 State Allotment

Preliminary amount is \$11.3 million. Final should be around \$10 million. Laura Calderon is planning to use Joe Cainkar to help with the process.

Facilities Equipment

We have received final bids for the tractor with attachments and a mower. The bidding process generated lower prices than the listed government prices.

Manteno Hogan Walker is the low bidder at \$29,660.16. Kenny Blake made a motion to approve the purchase. Motion was seconded by Ryan Nugent and approved unanimously in a roll call vote.

Old Business

Server Update

The board previously approved \$17,000 for this necessary upgrade. The price is escalating rapidly and was already at \$23,311 by the time we made the purchase.

It would have gone higher if we waited any longer. It will be installed this week with data migration to follow later.

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 8:27 AM. Motion was seconded by Nick Allen and passed unanimously in a voice vote.