

**River Valley Metro Mass Transit District**  
**Metro Centre, 1137 E 5000 North Road, Bourbonnais IL 60914**  
**Board of Director Meeting Minutes**  
**April 28, 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, COO Ken Munjoy, Director of Administration Mandy Taylor, Assistant Director of Administration Bri Whybrew, Director of Facilities Tim Goodman, Project Manager Cortney Koning, MPO Tobe Fulford.

**Others Present:** WDU G.M. Rod Kimbrough

**Pledge of Allegiance led by:** Tobe Fulford

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

None

**Consent Agenda:** Jerry Pearce made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Ryan Nugent 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

IPTA is working with IDOT and Rep. Hoffman to modify the funding level in the Transit Bill from 80% to 75%. The intent is to stabilize funding for the long-term. One agency in the state is still insisting on 80%.

**Operations Report:** Rod Kimbrough/Ken Munjoy

Rod Kimbrough apologized for the lack of communication from We Drive U and explained that, while he has been assigned to lead We Drive U's team in Peoria, he has not yet been replaced here. He is currently responsible for both locations.

Last weekend, 5 operators called off on Saturday and 6 called off on Sunday. River Valley Metro staff had to drive buses, and Route 12 did not run on Sunday.

Rod reported that we currently have 44 full-time and 9 part-time operators, but only 49 are currently available for duty. Three new operators are currently in behind-the-wheel training and one more is in classroom.

We are within our goals for speeding and accidents.

Ken Munjoy reported that March ridership this year was 50,870, compared to 50,677 last year. FY year-to-date rides are down 3.0 % from last year.

CCS and Transit Officers transported 76 people in March.

**Complaints/Comments:** Ken Munjoy

In the previous 4 weeks, we had a total of 14 complaints, 8 of which were valid, 3 were not valid, and 3 are still under review. We received one compliment.

**Board Report:**

David Hinderliter announced that the county has voted to retain him as their representative on the River Valley Metro Mass Transit District board for 4 more years.

**New Business**

**Capital Projects Update**

Rebuild I funds were used for the new maintenance facility. Remaining funds will be used for paving around the fuel island and possibly for A/C in the maintenance facility.

Rebuild II funds were used for new buses and for additional funding for the new maintenance facility. Approximately \$1000 remains available.

Rebuild III funds were used for bus lifts. IDOT approved using the remaining available funds for roof and HVAC replacement on the office building.

CARES Act funds were for buses, support vehicles, shop washer/dryer, and lawn tractors. Remaining funds will be used for security cameras, digital sign, fuel island, and shelving, tables, misc. equipment for the new maintenance facility.

The CVP application process begins about 2 months from now. We plan to replace as many super medium buses as we can get funding for. There is currently no information regarding funding for heavy duty buses.

All of our available grant money is obligated.

### **Old Business**

#### Planning Study

A kick-off meeting and a follow-up meeting were held with the Via team. They asked us to form a Technical Advisory Committee. Members are Ron Jackson, Nick Allen, Ken Munjoy, and Ben Wilson.

An in-person meeting with Via is planned for May. Project completion is expected by September.

#### **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 8:30 AM. Motion was seconded by Kenny Blake and passed unanimously in a voice vote.