River Valley Metro Mass Transit District
Metro Centre, 1137 E 5000 North Road, Bourbonnais IL 60914
Board of Director Meeting Minutes
September 22, 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, COO Ken Munjoy, Director of Administration Mandy Taylor, Director of Facilities Tim Goodman

Others Present: WDU GM Malcom Williams

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Mark Argyelan

Public with Business to Come Before the Board:
None

Consent Agenda: David Hinderliter made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Jerry Pearce 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
Acknowledged receipt of another email from former Kankakee Mayor Wells-Armstrong. Mr. Argyelan deferred to Mr. Sims to determine the next step, if any. Mr. Sims stated that we had responded with our position after the first email and that there is no need for additional communication.

Managing Director's Report: Siron Sims
Last night, IDOT released a call for projects with $100 million available statewide. We will submit an application after discussion with Mandy and Cortney.

Cortney is currently attending procurement training in Cincinnati. The training is focused on land acquisition.

Operations Report:
Malcom Williams reported that we have 52 operators, 50 of which are available. We have 5 more in training.

We had 1 non-preventable and 2 preventable accidents.

Ken Munjoy reported that August ridership this year was 51,710, compared to 52,541 last year. Year-to-date, ridership is up 1.2% from last year.

CCS and Transit Officers transported 56 people in August.

Complaints/Comments: Ken Munjoy
We had only 5 complaints in the last 4 weeks. Two were valid and 3 were not valid. We also had 1 compliment.

Board Report:
David Hinderliter asked if high gas prices affect our ridership. Yes, we generally notice an increase in ridership when gas prices spike. Our current advertising campaign illustrates the cost savings of riding our buses versus buying gasoline.

New Business
Forklift Purchase
A forklift is needed for convenience, efficiency, and safety. The cost is $49,083, which includes training. The cost of a forklift was added to our Cares Act grant. Jerry Pearce made a motion to authorize the purchase. The motion was seconded by David Hinderliter and approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

Old Business
Planning Study
Via added another microtransit zone in Kankakee to their recommendations, possibly replacing routes 12 and 14. We will make route and service decisions after receiving their final report.

Questions from the news media:
None

Other Business to come Before the Board:
None

Executive Session:
Ryan Nugent made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:33 AM. Motion was seconded by Kenny Blake and unanimously approved in a roll call vote.

David Hinderliter made a motion to end Executive Session and return to Regular Session at 8:46 AM. Motion was seconded by Ryan Nugent and unanimously approved in a roll call vote.

Adjournment
Jerry Pearce made a motion to adjourn at 8:47 AM. Motion was seconded by Kenny Blake and passed unanimously in a voice vote.