

The Board of Trustees of the Sangamon Mass Transit District met in a regular session on July 25, 2022, in the Training Room of the Sangamon Mass Transit District located at 928 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois. The Meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by Brian Brewer, Board Chairperson.

I. ROLL CALL Present:

Brian Brewer	Chairperson
Karen Hasara	Treasurer
Wynne Coplea	Trustee
Jerry Doss	Trustee (arrived 4:55)
Sandra Douglas	Trustee
Steve Schoeffel	Managing Director
Melissa Ashford	Director of Operations
Michelle Alexander	Grants and Procurement Manager
Russell Reed	SMTD Counsel
Jason Sass	SSCRPC
Pete Roberts	Disabled Person Advisory Committee Report

Excused

Leslie McCarthy	Board Secretary
Sue Davsko	Vice Chairperson

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Douglas made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2022, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, seconded by Trustee Hasara. The motion passed unanimously.

III. DIRECTORS REPORTS

Managing Director Schoeffel informed the board staff recently completed an exit interview with the Federal Transportation Administration for SMTD's triennial review. The audit confirmed where we knew we need to improve and showed a big improvement.

Director Ashford discussed SMTD's personnel levels, with a new class about to graduate and another planned soon. That combined with operators returning to work have helped headcount. Director Ashford also informed the board about staff commendable work during the triennial audit. FTA made it a point to congratulate SMTD on no findings in procurement, which is rare for any transit nationally.

Board President Brewer extended thanks to the entire staff for their performance during the triennial audit.

IV. REPORTS

A. Approval of May Financial Statements and Cash Disbursements

Trustee Hasara made a motion to approve the May Financial Statements and Accounts Payable Disbursements, seconded by Trustee Coplea. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Board Committee Reports: Finance-Operations-Administration

Finance: No report.

Operations: No report.

Administration: No report.

C. Planning Commission Report: Mr. Sass thanked the board for their support of Curb Your Car and Earth Day events. SSCRPC continues work on the unified work program, which is federally mandated.

D. Disabled Persons Advisory Committee Report: No report.

V. UNFINISHED NEW BUSINESS: None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Springfield/Sangamon Growth Alliance Presentation

Director Schoeffel introduced Ryan McCrady, president & CEO and Mike Aiello, Executive Committee board chair from the Springfield/Sangamon Growth Alliance. Recently, Director Schoeffel was able to meet at the staff level and discuss the partnership, and now SSGA would like to bring the Board of Trustees up to date of projects going on throughout the community.

Mr. McCrady thanked the board for the opportunity to meet with the board. Special thanks were extended to SMTD for its support of SSGA in its youth as a developing Economic Development agency. SSGA is not a public agency and relies on both public and private support to operate its programs and oversee projects in the community intended to increase the number of people living and earning in Sangamon County.

The SSGA focuses its efforts on recruitment, retention, and expansion of local business and the business environment. SSGA's goals of expansion seek to grow what is here as it's easier to grow than start new. To drive economic growth holistically SSGA staff began meeting with existing business through SSGA's Business Expansion & Retention Program (BRE). 2021-2022 was the first full year of SSGA's "Thrive SPI", a program that connects users to resources provided by advocates throughout the community for jobs, recreation, etc. From September 2020-2022, the campaign gained 6 million impressions on social media. That's in addition to SSGA's YouTube presence, where viewers have amassed 2 million views of SSGA content.

There are a number of projects the SSGA are pleased to review with the board. The Double Black Diamond Solar Farm will be a \$800 million investment to provide solar over 4,100 acres. Construction will start once the crops come in and all permitting has been completed. This is a Sangamon County Board approved project that has also promised to seek local labor. The farm will be located in south-west Sangamon County.

The Lincolnland Energy Center will be a natural gas fired power plant near Pawnee that will generate 1100 Megawatts, represents a \$1 Billion investment, 600-700 local

construction jobs over the next seven years and is very close to final Illinois EPA permitting approval.

SSGA is involved in the Pillsbury site revitalization project. SSGA helped fund the phase II environmental studies, which are moving forward. Mr. McCrady noted his excitement for the potential for the site.

Closer into town, Scheels is moving forward with a significant 65-acre sports complex at its current location. The site will be large enough to host a 120-team tournament for a weekend, Mr. McCrady noted for scale. This project is anticipated to break ground in the fall of 2022 and will include an all-weather, domed, indoor facility with all multi-purpose fields for a range of sports and activities. It is anticipated this will generate an additional \$25 million in annual economic activity for the community, which will compound once established. This project has also committed to using local labor, which significantly increase the economic impact of development investment.

SSGA was heavily engaged in working with the University of Illinois system and University of Illinois at Springfield to help find a location for their downtown innovation center. It was announced the week prior that the University was working on a purchase at 4th and Washington, which with its proximity to the capitol serves as a great site.

Finally, Mr. McCrady discussed the Ally program SSGA facilitates. This allows interested individuals to sign up with SSGA in any area of their interest and designate their interest level (seeking, expert, etc.) and SSGA then serves as a Ally reference. Mr. McCrady noted Managing Director Schoeffel is an SSGA Ally.

President Brewer thanked Mr. McCrady for his update and the new information shared. At this time, President Brewer wanted to recognize Mike Aiello as a former SMTD Board of Trustee president.

Mr. Aiello thanked the board for it's contribution to local mass transit, and reflected on the importance of mass transit in the community. Mr. Aiello recalled enjoying staff lunches during his time on the board, including Friday fish fries in maintenance. Trustee Coplea thanked both Mike and Ryan for their presentation and all SSGA is doing for the community.

President Brewer thanked the Growth Alliance for their efforts.

b. Consider Application for SMTD Rebuild Illinois Round III Projects

Director Bush noted this is SMTD's third application for Rebuild Illinois funding. SMTD is planning on applying for \$7,970,000 for facility, bus, technology, and infrastructure improvements and will use the FY23-FY26 Transportation Improvement Plan to guide requests that were included in round two, but unfunded.

Trustee Coplea made a motion to approve an authorizing resolution for Fiscal Year 2023's Rebuild Illinois-Round Three application, seconded by Trustee Douglas. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Consider Maintenance Truck Purchase

Director Bush explained SMTD is seeking to purchase a new maintenance truck to replace the current 1995 Chevrolet truck which has no book value. Funding of \$57,857 was provided to SMTD by the state of Illinois through Rebuild Illinois Round One. Due to supply chain issues after polling the board staff placed earnest money on the vehicle once identified and this action will finalize the purchase.

Trustee Douglas made a motion accept staff's recommendation to execute an Authorizing Resolution to purchase a replacement support vehicle, seconded by Trustee Doss. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Consider Certain Equipment Surplus

Director Bush is seeking approval to retire assets 155, 157A, 933, 99942, and 99943. This includes two Starcraft buses, a commercial vacuum, and two air compressors.

Trustee Douglas made a motion accept staff's recommendation to declare certain assets surplus, seconded by Trustee Coplea. The motion passed unanimously.

e. Consider SMTD Title VI Program

Director Ashford explained that SMTD's Title VI Program needs to be reviewed every three years. The Title VI program documents compliance with federal non-discrimination regulations. During the triennial review it was found the board needed to approve the program from 2019. The program has been updated for census and staff changes.

Trustee Hasara made a motion to accept staff's recommendation and authorize the Board Secretary to execute SMTD's Title VI Program, seconded by Trustee Coplea. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Steven Simpson-Black thanked SMTD for providing transportation to the community.

Jane Ford with Friends of Transit sought clarity on the IT Committee meetings, which are planned to be held quarterly.

VIII. CLOSED MEETING

IX. ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

The board re-entered the Regular Meeting at 5:27 PM.

Trustee Coplea made a motion to authorize a letter of agreement with Amalgamated Transit Union #1249 to allow for a \$5.00 adjustment to hourly wages for qualified Operator Trainers. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hasara. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Coplea made a motion to authorize a letter of agreement with Amalgamated Transit Union #1249 to allow for an attendance bonus of \$500.00 for each six-month period of no absenteeism, seconded by Trustee Hasara. The motion passed unanimously.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Coplea made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Douglas seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 PM.

Approved:



Sue Davsko, Vice-Chairperson



Leslie McCarthy, Secretary