

MINNESOTA RIVER VALLEY TRANSIT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
MARCH 14, 2023**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Board of Minnesota River Valley Transit was conducted on March 14, 2023 in the Le Sueur Emergency Services Building.

A quorum present, Chairperson Marvin Sullivan called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. The following members were present: Darrell Pettis and Bradley DeVos (City of Saint Peter representatives) and Marvin Sullivan (City of Le Sueur representative). Absent was new City of Le Sueur representative Michael Touhey. The following official was present: Saint Peter Recreation and Leisure Services Director Joey Schugel who was sitting in for Saint Peter City Administrator Todd Prafke.

Oath of Office – Due to the absence of Member Touhey, no oath of office was administered.

Approval of Agenda – A motion was made by Pettis, seconded by DeVos, to approve the agenda. With all in favor, the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes/Disbursements – A motion was made by DeVos, seconded by Pettis, to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023 regular meeting with a correction to note that Member Ranft was not in attendance at the meeting. With all in favor, the motion carried with the requested correction.

A motion was made by Pettis, seconded by DeVos, to approve the disbursements from January 1, 2023 – February 28, 2023. Upon roll call, with all in favor, the motion carried.

Title VI Program Resolution Correction – Recreation and Leisure Services Schugel reported that MnDOT had requested a modified resolution for the Title VI program that would specifically identify the title and name of the employees charged with overseeing and implementing the Title VI program on behalf of Minnesota River Valley Transit. In motion by DeVos, seconded by Pettis, Resolution No. 2023-01 entitled, “Approving Title Vi Program Plan For Minnesota River Valley Transit Operating Grant Application For 2023

Reports

Operations Manager Report – Operations Manager Owen reported on use statistics and other general updates including GUS Bus use which was slightly lower than the past two months; news that the bus delivery date, which had previously been expected in 2025, may now be move dup to 2024; initiation of promotional efforts for the \$1 summer fare rate for children; gearing up for providing transportation service for the “Read and Feed” program which is paid for by School District #508; Le Sueur going to one bus again after school ends and cutting service by one hour to begin operations at 8 am versus 7 am due to limited use during the summer for that first hour; and State Patrol wheelchair inspections for both Saint Peter and Le Sueur which will occur in April.

Member Pettis asked if the electric bus funding had included funds for two EV chargers. Owens responded that only one charger was funded and one would be needed in both communities. Pettis noted that MnDOT had additional carbon reduction money available through the State’s infrastructure bill (\$900,000) and it was open for funding through MnDOT District 7 which included Saint Peter. Pettis also suggested that funding may be available through the City of Le Sueur’s electric utility to help pay a portion of the costs of an EV charger.

Administration Report – Schugel noted there were no administration reports other than the information already included in the packet.

There being no further action, a motion was made by DeVos, seconded by Pettis, to adjourn. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Marvin Sullivan
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Todd Prafke
Saint Peter City Administrator