

DATE: April 27, 2012
TO: Board Members unable to attend April 25 Regular MVTA Board meeting/TWGs
FROM: MVTA
RE: Meeting Summary

Here is a meeting summary of the MVTA April 25, 2012 regular meeting of the MVTA Board of Directors. Supplemental materials and meeting hand-outs are posted at http://www.mvta.com/MVTA_Board.html.

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by Chair Gary Hansen. A quorum was present.
2. There were no public comments. The Agenda and the Consent Agenda were approved.
3. Beverley Miller reviewed the Purchase Agreement memo for the Eagan Bus Garage and noted that updated documents were before the Board. She indicated that the MVTA was seeking parking over the landfill and for a small parcel to complete the project. The property is owned by Met Council and the Council is requesting the right of first refusal in the event the MVTA would no longer use the property and that the property would be limited to a transit use. In order to expedite matters, the Board approved a purchase agreement subject to review by legal counsel and given there are no materials changes to the document. Motion by Clint Hooppaw and seconded by Wally Lyslo. Motion carried.
4. Beverley Miller reviewed information in the packet regarding the Red Line update, along with discussing information presented at the Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority meeting on April 24. Bruce Nordquist of City of Apple Valley also presented the Board with copies of articles included in the *SunThisWeek* newspaper and the *Star Tribune*, indicating there would likely be another piece in the Sunday Strib. Will Branning said that Dakota County was on target to put together a plan for presentation at the Apple Valley Planning Commission meeting on May 2. There was some discussion by the MVTA regarding the timing of the BRT launch – that November might be a good time to promote holiday shopping and activities, but there was also concern about launching too soon with nothing but “the same old bus service.” Motion by Clint Hooppaw and seconded by Bill Droste to direct MVTA staff to draft periodic memos to the MVTA Board regarding the status of the MVTA’s projects in the corridor, with copies being provided to the Metropolitan Council, Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority and the Cedar BRT Launch Marketing Group. Motion carried.
5. Glenn Boden presented information about the request to purchase buses via the MVTA’s CMAQ grant for I-35W service, including providing a photo of the most recent vehicle procured through the Gillig contract. The only significant different with the I-35W buses is that they will likely have a rear door. Motion by Jane Victorey and seconded by Bill Droste to authorize the chair and executive director to issue a Purchase Offer to Gillig LLC for the purchase of six 40’ low-floor transit buses from the existing Gillig contract at a price not to exceed \$2,600,000. Motion carried unanimously on a roll-call vote.
6. Beverley Miller provided an update regarding STA and discussion regarding support for the Council’s bonding bill. There was one subsequent meeting between Pat Born, Will Branning and Nancy Tyra Lukens and there will be another meeting with Pat Born and Prior Lake/Shakopee Administrators regarding correspondence and support for the bonding bill.
7. The Finance Committee will meet at 3:30 p.m. on June 6 to review the Financial Report with the MVTA’s new auditors.
8. Purchases by the Executive Director were included in the Board packet.

9. Beverley Miller reviewed a summary of the Strategic Planning Workshop and the Board authorized sending letters to potential consultants to lead the Board through the second half of the Strategic Planning process. The Board will consider re-establishing a Marketing Committee to help guide the MVTA's plans and also to interview Strategic Planning consultant prospects.
10. There was additional discussion about performance contracting, including the memo sent to Beverley Miller and copied to all Board members by John Doll. The Board agreed with the concept, and will keep the topic on the table for consideration after the first of the year. At that time, an open process will be used to solicit proposals. Beverley Miller will confirm the Board's decision to Mr. Doll.
11. The City of Apple Valley's resolution regarding the 140th and 147th t. Stations was provided as informational to the Board. Discussion included whether or not the MVTA should support the city's position. Given that the MVTA is no longer a party to the project of constructing the Transit Station, it was determined that no official position be taken other than that we hope that the parties can reach a successful conclusion and come to a compromise. Tom Bright also agreed to provide information on the cost of maintaining the skyway associated with the Apple Valley North/South stations to the City of Apple Valley.
12. The question was raised regarding the status of the Joint Powers Agreement. Jim Strommen noted that the documents were prepared with the assumption that Dakota County would join as a party. If that is not correct, the documents will have to be revised. There is not an imminent need at this time – need for the Bond Board is at least a month away. Will Branning said he has an invitation to add the item to a County Board agenda, but is waiting to garner enough support. Gary Hansen reported that he and Beverley had a meeting on Thursday morning and were hopeful of garnering additional County support.
13. Motion by Clint Hooppaw and seconded by Jon Ulrich to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 23 at 4:30 p.m. at the Burnsville Bus Garage.