

A regular meeting of the St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission was held on the 18th day of July, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at the Metro Bus Operations Center. Commissioner Kleis presided with the following present:

Commissioners:

1. Dave Kleis – Arrived 4:05 p.m.
2. Rick Miller
3. Ryan Fitzthum
4. Kurt Hunstiger - Absent
5. John Libert

Chief Executive Officer:

Ryan Daniel

Chief Finance and Administration Officer:

Paula Mastey

Additions or Changes to the Agenda. There were none. **Commissioner Libert moved and Commissioner Fitzthum seconded a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

Consent Agenda.

5.) Minutes of June 20, 2017 Regular Meeting.

6.) June 2017 Budget Statement and Bank Reconciliation.

7.) June 2017 List of Bills.

8.) June 2017 Ridership Reports for Fixed Route, Dial-a-Ride and Northstar Link.

**Commissioner Libert moved and Commissioner Fitzthum seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.**

Open Forum. There was none.

General Business.

9.) Resolution #2017-10, MnDot Authorizing Resolution 2018-Fixed Route.

10.) Resolution #2017-11, MnDot Authorizing Resolution 2018-Dial-a-Ride.

11.) Resolution #2017-12, MnDot Authorizing Resolution 2018-Northstar Link.

**Commissioner Fitzthum moved and Commissioner Libert seconded a motion to approve Resolutions 2017-10, 2017-11, and 2017-12. Motion carried.**

12.) Update on the Riders' Advisory Committee. Debbie Anderson reported they just added a new member, Silas Patrick, a Fixed Route rider and service connected disabled veteran, who brings new insight to the committee. He has lived in many cities and chose to settle in St. Cloud because of the good bus service. At today's meeting there was discussion about painting the posts at the Transit Center yellow instead of gray for the visually impaired, signage at SCSU and route change suggestions. Members are now also participating in some Community Outreach and Marketing events.

13.) Discussion Regarding Upcoming Union Negotiations. Sunny Hesse said the initial meeting with both collective bargaining units is scheduled for July 27 where they will pass off their lists of issues and proposals. Commissioner Libert will attend the first meeting as Commissioner Miller's alternate.

14.) IT Department Update. Steve Williams highlighted some of the recent IT projects. The data radio antennae was relocated to a different site on the property due to the garage expansion. There is finally a signed contract for the first phase of the software replacement project. A new server will be installed for the replacement. He also

presented ridership numbers showing 1,500,627 total riders from October through June this year compared to 1,649,799 for the same period last year which is an approximate 10% decrease. Wheelchair boardings are down 11% and bicycles are up 9%. The ridership decrease has been attributed to a healthy economy and low gas prices. Commissioner Fitzthum asked how ride sharing programs like Uber and Lyft are affecting ridership, but Mr. Williams thought it was too early to tell in this region. Metro Bus staff has had some very preliminary, high-level discussions to find ways to compete against or partner with ride sharing programs in the future.

Other. Ryan Daniel announced that at the State Roadeo competition last week, the Fixed Route drivers came in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place and the Dial-a-Ride drivers, Todd DeZurik and Davis Peacock, came in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place respectively. Todd DeZurik will compete in the National Roadeo next year in Pittsburgh, PA.

Adjournment. **Commissioner Miller moved and Commissioner Fitzthum seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:17p.m. Motion carried.**