

MRTD Board Meeting

01/24/2025

The meeting was called to order at 9:05am by President Peter Hertzling. Additional members in attendance were Donna Janneke, Melanie Johnson, and Susan Harbaugh. Absent members were Sarah Craig and Cyndy Tabing. Employees in attendance were Executive Director Jesica Gentry Schlimme, Mark Beare, Angela Craig, and Don Jones.

The minutes of the previous meeting were discussed. Donna made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, and Susan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No one was present for public comment.

Angela Craig presented the financial report. Current cash on hand and an annual P&L were submitted, as well as a summary of an annual forecast and grant requests to date. Susan made a motion and Donna seconded to approve the finance report as presented. It was approved unanimously.

Mark presented the Community Relations Report. He discussed his latest efforts for community education and outreach, including St. John's in Chester, and the distribution of information to local food pantries. He also discussed the materials he has prepared and distributed regarding the new Medicaid/Managed Care options we can now provide with the relationship with MTM.

In the Director's report, Jesica presented ridership data for this fiscal year. Her presentation included new reports from TripMaster that break down ridership by purpose and funding source. Jesica discussed how we are working to gather more detail on every trip so that we can better understand our ridership patterns and needs. She updated the board regarding the facility project as well as the route study. At this time, MRTD has a contract with Transystems, and will submit it to IDOT for review.

There was nothing to discuss in Old Business.

In New Business, Jesica presented a new FOIA request policy. This policy provides guidance as to how MRTD will respond to any FOIA requests received, and is compliant with all regulations. There was a change recommended to the wording on how fees would be charged – after 50 pages of copy. Melanie made a motion to approve the policy as amended. Susan seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the strategic plan that was created several years ago. Those notes will be summarized in a separate report, and presented to the board at the February meeting.

The next meeting is February 27, 2025.

Susan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Donna seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

Prepared By: