

**Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS)
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 16, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
Held In-Person & via Zoom originating from the
SRTS/SIMPCO Office at 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, IA**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Keith Radig, Chair	Woodbury County, Iowa
Gary Horton, Vice Chair	Plymouth County, Iowa
Bryan Petersen	Cherokee County, Iowa
Devlun Whiteing	Ida County, Iowa
Vince Phillips	Monona County, Iowa

STAFF PRESENT:

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Michelle Bostinelos, Executive Director	SIMPCO
Brian Pearson, Transit Director	SIMPCO/SRTS
Joshua Bush, Finance Director	SIMPCO
Emily Guthrie, Administrative Assistant II	SIMPCO

The Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS) Board of Directors met on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom and in person at 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City. A quorum was present.

Chair, Keith Radig, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

- I. **Approval of the Agenda** – Chair, Radig, asked if there were any additions or corrections to the November 16, 2023, meeting agenda.

Gary Horton moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Devlun Whiteing. Motion carried all ayes.

- II. **Approval of the Minutes** –
 - a. **September 28, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes**

Chair, Radig, asked if there were any additions or corrections to the September 28, 2023, regular meeting minutes as presented.

Keith Radig moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Gary Horton. Motion carried all ayes.

- b. **Remove Bank Signatory, Curtis Miller, from County Site Banks**

Keith Radig moved to approve removing Curtis Miller from the county site banks, seconded by Bryan Petersen. Motion carried all ayes.

III. Financials –

a. September 30 / October 31, 2023 –

Joshua Bush, Finance Director, presented the SRTS financials through September 30 & October 31, 2023, included in the meeting packet. Josh reported total revenue YTD as \$1,536,853 and total expenditures as \$3,257,054 for a net of \$867,402. Josh also reported on the new building project financials stating total revenue YTD as \$6,020,809 and total expenditures as \$5,922,391 for a net of \$98,418.

b. Wellmark Health, Dental and Vision Insurance Renewal –

Joshua Bush, Finance Director, presented the board with the FY 2024 health, dental and vision insurance quotes for discussion and approval. Josh presented the board with quotes from alternate providers for review and discussion. Josh recommended continuing to offer two employee options for health insurance (Complete Blue 4000 Silver and the Simply Blue 6000 Bronze, offering Wellmark – Blue Dental Plan 2000 without Ortho (premium stays the same), and continuing to offer Avesis Vision plan for adults only at a month cost of \$7.18 per covered member.

Discussion held regarding employer/employee match for health insurance. Current coverage: employee pays 42% share of cost for single coverage with SRTS paying 58% of cost for single coverage.

Keith Radig moved to approve the staff recommendation to continue with Complete Blue (4000 Silver) and the SIMPLY Blue (6000 Bronze), changing employee cost to 30% share of cost with employer share of cost going up to 70%. The coverage for families would remain at 100% employee cost. Motion includes continuing to offer Wellmark – Blue Dental Plan 2000 and the Avesis Vision plan. Motion seconded by Devlun Whiteing. Motion carried all ayes.

c. Mutual of Omaha Life, Short-Term and Long-Term Disability –

Joshua Bush, Finance Director, presented the board with the SIMPCO quote for life insurance, short-term and long-term disability for discussion and action. Josh noted that the current drivers have inquired about these benefits. Josh reported adding these additional benefits for SRTS employees would cost approximately \$27,764.16 annually.

Bryan Petersen motioned to deny offering SRTS employees life insurance, short-term and long-term disability at this time. Motion seconded by Gary Horton. Motion carried all ayes.

d. Retirement –

Joshua Bush, Finance Director, informed and discussed the interest in retirement benefits from SRTS employees. Discussion was held.

- IV. Ecolane Annual Maintenance Renewal \$34,425** – Brian Pearson, Transit Director, presented the board with the annual maintenance renewal for approval.

Gary Horton moved to approve the maintenance renewal presented, seconded by Devlun Whiteing. Motion carried all ayes.

- V. 179D Tax Credits to the Designer, Neumann Monson Architects** – Brian Pearson, Transit Director, requested approval from the board to pass the 179D tax credits to Neumann Monson Architects. Brian noted that because SRTS is a government entity, they cannot collect tax credits but are permitted to allocate tax deductions to the designers.

Keith Radig moved to approve the 179D tax credits to be allocated to Neumann Monson Architects, seconded by Vince Phillips. Motion carried all ayes.

- VI. Notice of Discontinuation, Storm Water Discharge** – Brian Pearson, Transit Director, requested approval to sign and return notice of discontinuation of storm water discharges. Brian noted that because construction is complete, all storm water discharges associated with the construction site have been eliminated.

Bryan Petersen moved to approve certifying the discontinuations of storm water discharges, seconded by Gary Horton. Motion carried all ayes.

- VII. Bus Wash Rebid Cost, \$20,000** – Brian Pearson requested approval from the board to rebid the bus wash installation into the wash bay through Neumann Monson Architects at a cost of \$20,000.

Keith Radig moved to approve Neumann Monson Architects rebid cost of \$20,000 for the installation of new bus wash. Motion seconded by Gary Horton. Motion carried all ayes.

- VIII. Public Record Request, New Facility** – Information regarding a request for documents in regard to the loan agreement between SRTS and Woodbury County for the purpose of financing the costs of constructing, equipping, and furnishing the SRTS operation facility from Blake and Uhlig law office out of Kansas.

IX. Building Update – Brian Pearson updated the board on final completion of the new facility.

X. Other Comments

XI. Adjournment – Next meeting: Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. *Gary Horton moved to adjourn, seconded by Bryan Petersen.* Chair Radig closed the meeting at 11:30 a.m.