The Special Meeting of the Joint Administrative Board made up of the members of the St. Louis Ithaca Pine River Transit Authority (SLIPR) Board was called to order by Kurt Giles on Friday, May 3, 2024, at 10:05 a.m. Meeting was held in person at the St. Louis City Hall.

Note: Actions that are specific to the St. Louis Ithaca Pine River Transit Authority (SLIPR) Board will be specifically indicated as SLIPR Business and will only include the Roll as applicable to the SLIPR membership.

Members Present:

- Kurt Giles - St Louis City Manager/SLIPR Member – Board Chairperson
- Jamey Conn – City of Ithaca Manager/SLIPR Member

Members Absent:

- Kevin Beeson - Pine River Township Supervisor/SLIPR Member – Board Secretary
- Jennifer Cook – Joint Administrative Board Member at Large
- Roger Allman- Alma City Commissioner

Others in Attendance:

- Bobbie Marr – Recording Secretary
- Aeric Ripley – Alma City Manager
- Brett Baublitz – Alma Director of Transportation

There was no quorum for a Joint Administrative Board meeting, therefore the meeting is just for SLIPR.

Approval of April 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Member Conn, supported by Member Giles, to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2024, meeting as presented.
Yes: Conn, Giles
No: None
Absent: Beeson
Motion carried.

Public Hearing for Budget and Proposed Millage Rate

Chairman Giles opened the Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget and Millage Rate at 10:09am and asked for public comments.

There were none.

Chairman Giles closed the Public Hearing at 10:11am.

Resolution 2024-01 - 2024/2025 Budget

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Conn and supported by Member Giles.

WHEREAS, the Chairman has submitted and filed with the Authority Board a proposed budget estimating revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, as required by Act 2, Michigan Public Acts of 1968, as amended, and

WHEREAS, the Authority Board in accordance with Act 621 Michigan Public Acts of 1978, as amended, has set the date of May 3, 2024 for a public hearing at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits, to receive citizen comment on the proposed budget as presented herein. A copy of the affidavit of publication of said public hearing is on file with the Authority Secretary.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Louis Ithaca Pine River Transit Authority Board, after such hearing thereon and consideration thereof, does hereby adopt said budget as represented herein and fixes the tax of 0.8 mills for operating purposes, to be raised by a general ad valorem tax upon owners of real and personal property in the St. Louis Ithaca Pine River Transit Authority District, by the authority granted, and in accordance with Act 196, Public Acts of Michigan, 1986, and as approved by the registered electors residing in the Transit Authority on November 3, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the St. Louis Ithaca Pine River Transit Authority Board has adopted its budget for the year ending June 30, 2025 as follows:

Beginning Fund Balance	$	12,000
Revenues		265,411
Expenditures		265,411
Ending Fund Balance	$	12,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the adoption of this budget is at the total operating level. Officials responsible for the expenditures authorized in the budget may expend funds up to, but not to exceed, the total appropriation authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that payment of claims (bills) shall be approved by the Treasurer and Chair prior to being paid. The St. Louis Ithaca Pine River Transit Authority shall receive a list of claims (bills) paid for their concurrence of approval at the next meeting of the Authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Authority Treasurer will monitor the budget. Whenever it appears that the actual and probable revenues will be more or significantly less than the estimated revenues upon which appropriations were based, the Treasurer shall present to the Board recommendations to prevent expenditures from exceeding available revenues or appropriations for the fiscal year. Such recommendations shall include proposals for reducing appropriations, increasing revenues or use of fund balance or both.

Ayes: Conn, Giles
Absent: Beeson

Nays: none

Resolution declared adopted this 3rd day of May 2024.

Resolution 2024-02 - 202

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Conn and supported by Member Giles:

WHEREAS, the City Councils of the Cities of St. Louis and Ithaca, and the Township Board of the Township of Pine River, all within the County of Gratiot, Michigan, have incorporated the St. Louis Ithaca Pine River Transit Authority (the "Transit Authority") pursuant to the provisions of Act 196, Public Acts of Michigan, 1986, as amended ("Act 196"); and

WHEREAS, Act 196 and the Articles of Incorporation of the Transit Authority allow the Board to levy a tax, in an amount not to exceed 1.00 mill for public transportation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the electors of the Transit Authority previously authorized the levy of 0.96 mill to provide funds for Transit Authority operating purposes, said authorization being for five (5) years, beginning in 2021 and expiring with the 2025 levy; and

WHEREAS, this authorization has not been further reduced by operation of the Headlee amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Board determines that it is in the best interest of its residents to submit a proposal to renew the previous authorization; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to submit a 0.96 mill renewal proposal to the qualified electors of the Transit Authority at an election to be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 (the "Election Date"); and

WHEREAS, in order for the millage renewal proposal to be submitted to the Transit Authority's electors on the Election Date, it is necessary for the Board to certify the ballot wording of the proposal to the City Clerk of the City of St. Louis, the City Clerk of the City of Ithaca, the Township Clerk of the Township of Pine River, and the County Clerk of the County of Gratiot, Michigan (the "County Clerk"), as required by Act 196 and Act 116, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended (the "Michigan Election Law"); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The millage renewal proposal shown on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors residing in the Transit Authority at an election to be held on the Election Date.

2. The ballot wording of the millage renewal proposal is hereby certified to the City Clerk of the City of St. Louis, the City Clerk of the City of Ithaca, the Township Clerk of the Township of Pine River, and the County Clerk. The Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to file this Resolution and/or complete any such forms, certificates or documents as may be required by the local clerks or

County Clerk to evidence the foregoing certification and/or submission by no later than Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

3. The local clerks and the County Clerk are hereby directed to (a) post and publish notice of last day of registration and notice of election as required by the Michigan Election Law; and (b) have prepared and printed, as provided by the Michigan Election Law, ballots for submitting the millage renewal proposal at the election, which ballots shall contain the proposal appearing herein, or the proposition shall be stated as a proposal on the voting machines, which ballots may include other matters presented to the electorate on the same date.

4. As provided in Section 18(3) of Act 196, MCL 124.468(3), the renewed operating millage shall not be levied except upon approval of a majority of the registered electors residing in the Transit Authority affected and qualified to vote and voting on the proposal at the Election Date.

5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

EXHIBIT A

OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL BALLOT LANGUAGE

ST. LOUIS ITHACA PINE RIVER TRANSIT AUTHORITY
OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the Transit Authority to continue to levy up to 0.96 mill that was previously approved by electors to fund public transportation services in the years 2026 through 2030.

As a renewal of previously authorized millage, shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property within the St. Louis Ithaca Pine River Transit Authority (whose geographic boundaries are the entire geographic area of the City of St. Louis, the City of Ithaca, and the Township of Pine River) be increased by 0.96 mill ($0.96 per $1,000 of taxable value) for a period of five (5) years, 2026 to 2030, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for public transportation services?

YES

NO

It is estimated that 0.96 mill would raise approximately $318,493 when first levied in 2026.

AYES: Members: Conn, Giles
ABSENT: Members: Beeson
NAYS: Members: None

Resolution declared adopted this 3rd day of May 2024.

Other Business

None

Public Comment
Brett Baublitz – Alma Director of Transportation, reported that the transit is in process of putting out RFPs for updated dispatch software

Adjournment
Member Conn motioned for adjournment, supported by Member Giles. There were no objections. The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 am.

Bobbie Marr, Recording Secretary