

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, April 10, 2026, at 10:00 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
- Kevin Beeson - Pine River Township Supervisor/SLIPR Member – Board Secretary
- Jennifer Cook – Joint Administrative Board Member at Large

Members Absent:

- Roger Allman- Alma City Commissioner (Excused)

Others in Attendance:

- Bobbie Marr – Recording Secretary
- Aeris Ripley – Alma City Manager
- Brett Baublitz – Alma Director of Transportation
- George Bailey – Gratiot County Commissioner
- Josh Leppien – St. Louis Assist. City Manager/DDA Director

Appointment of JAB Board Chairperson and Secretary

Motion by Member Conn, supported by Member Cook to approve the re-appointment of Giles as Chairperson and Beeson as Secretary. All ayes carried the motion.

Approval of March 26, 2026 Meeting Minutes (JAB & SLIPR)

Motion by Member Beeson, supported by Member Conn, to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2026, meeting as presented.

Yes: Beeson, Conn, Cook, Giles

No: None

Absent: Allman

Motion carried.

Public Hearing for SLIPR Budget and Proposed Millage Rate

Chairman Giles opened the Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget and Millage Rate at 0.8 and asked for public comments.

There were none.

Chairman Giles closed the Public Hearing at 10:05am.

Resolution 2026-01 -- 2026/2027 Budget

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

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, 2027, 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 April 10, 2026 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 August 6, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the St. Louis Ithaca Pine River Transit Authority Board has adopted its budget for the year ending June 30, 2026 as follows:

Beginning Fund Balance	\$	12,000
Revenues		286,315
Expenditures		286,315
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: Beeson, Conn, Giles

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted this 10th day of April 2026.

Review prior year operating statistics

Brett Baublitz – Alma Director of Transportation, presented the previous years operating statistics. Mentioned success of the on-line app working well since 12/2024 implementation. Making good progress on building construction.

The JAB discussed and placed report on file.

Other Business

Discussion of County-Wide Millage

Members and Guests discussed the possibility of a county wide transportation millage.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Member Conn motioned for adjournment, supported by Member Beeson. There were no objections. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

Bobbie Marr, Recording Secretary