

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, June 12, 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
- Roger Allman- Alma City Commissioner

Members Absent:

- None

Others in Attendance:

- Bobbie Marr – Recording Secretary
- Aeris Ripley – Alma City Manager
- Brett Baublitz – Alma Director of Transportation
- George Bailey – Gratiot County Commissioner

Approval of April 10, 2026 Meeting Minutes (JAB & SLIPR)

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- Motion by Member Beeson, supported by Member Conn, to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2026, meeting as presented.
- Yes: Beeson, Conn, Allman, Cook, Giles
- No: None
- Absent: None
- Motion carried.

Other Business

Discussion of County-Wide Millage

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

- The county wide millage is scheduled to be .5 mills
- If Alma does not receive the start up grant funds, the county would not certify their millage. Alma & SLIPR would fall back to their original millage authorizations

Concerns or questions:

- Many people in the south and west part of the county will want to be taken to Carson City Hospital (in Mecosta Co)
- With the transition year. If the levy would begin Winter 2026, would Alma and SLIPR still be subject to that since their levy for the year was already issued on Summer 2026 billing.
- How to educate SLIPR and Alma voters that this new levy will be levied instead of our existing levy but it technically isn't a replacement.

Tentatively plan to meet July 17th after Greater Gratiot meeting at their site.

Assignments:

- Brett Baublitz – Ask if transit to the Carson City Hospital will be allowed under the regular transit rules.
- Bobbie Marr – Address levy transition issues with Treasury/Tax Commission
- Kevin Beeson – Contact Gary Bellow for assistance on voter education and communications

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Member Allman motioned for adjournment, supported by Member Conn. There were no objections. The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 am.

Bobbie Marr, Recording Secretary