

Marquette County Transit Authority

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March 16th, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson LaRue called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on March 16th, 2017.

ROLL CALL:

Boyd, Grund, LaRue, Perry, Peterson, Quayle, Tollefson, Weikel and Worth. Connors and Longtine's absences are excused. Others present: Klein & Koski.

MINUTES:

Tollefson made a motion to approve the February 16th, 2017 regular Board Meeting Minutes. Weikel supported. Unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Peterson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Perry supported. Unanimously approved.

AGENDA:

Tollefson made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Weikel supported. Unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Report from Negotiation Committee:** Klein reported that the Negotiation Committee met with T. Snow of Vast in regards to insurance rates and changes. Insurance rates will not be available to us for a few months yet but Mr. Snow believes the increases will be very minimal at this point. The age of the group continues to go up but the increase should only be a few percent from the information that so far has been provided to him. Klein also commented that future meetings will be scheduled to start discussion of the renewal of the contract. Dates to be determined.

Quayle asked that the Board please review the current contract and see if there are any language changes etc. that they would like the Negotiation Committee to address. Quayle also asked for the Board to look at parameters for the committee such as wage increases and benefits. Quayle commented that Marq-Tran is having a hard time hiring new drivers and that perhaps we need to look at changing how we hire going forward. Quayle also commented that the committee will be looking at the labor market survey information once the other transits reply with the information requested. This will give us an idea of how to compare ourselves to like bus operations with wages and benefits.

OLD OR NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Executive Director's Report:** Klein reported that the NMU Economics class met at Marq-Tran and we discussed public transportation with the students. The students were given a tour of the facility and were also educated on how we train the drivers. Klein reported that the Munising transit has hired a new Director. Klein reported that she will be attending the Rural Transit Managers Meeting at the end of March.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Tollefson made a motion for adjournment at 6:35 p.m. Peterson supported. Unanimously approved. Chairperson LaRue adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Sincerely,

April Koski, Finance Officer