

Marquette County Transit Authority

560 Washington Street

Ishpeming, MI 49849

Board Meeting Minutes of September 27th, 2018

Call To Order:

Bosio	Boyd	Connors	Grund	Kasper	LaRue
Nankervis	Perry	Peterson	Quayle	Tollefson	

Other Staff Present: Klein, Executive Director. Richer, Operations Manager. Koski, Finance.

Minutes:

Tollefson made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of August 16th, 2018. LaRue supported. Unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda:

Tollefson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Bosio supported. Unanimously approved.

Agenda:

LaRue made a motion to approve the Agenda. Perry supported. Unanimously approved.

Public Comment:

None

Action Items:

1. Approval of Auditor-Boyd made a motion to approve Makela, Toutant, Hill, Nardi & Katona, P.C. as recommended. Peterson supported. Unanimously approved.
2. Report from Building Committee in regards to the Ishpeming location: Peterson reported that the Building Committee performed a walkthrough of the interior and exterior of the Ishpeming office. Noted were: A. Apron by garage should be repaired or replaced.
B. Look into getting bumpers on garage doors.
C. Sign in the front of the building should be repaired or replaced.
D. Painting outside of building in the future.
E. Building overall is in excellent shape.
Boyd commented that Rod is doing a good job with the onsite management of the building.

Old or New Business:

Klein commented that she passed out envelopes to the Board Members with her evaluation inside. Please send those back by the end of next week.

Klein reported on the Board Eligibility for next year. Perry, Quayle and Peterson's terms are up. LaRue and Kasper are eligible for another term.

Klein reported that City Commissioner Paul Schogel came in to get information on the bussing system. He spoke with Klein and Richer in regards to some ideas that he has for transportation for visitors in the area. Richer explained how the bus service currently works in the areas Schogel was inquiring about.

Klein reported that on October 24th, 2018 the Rural Task Force will have a training at the Marquette Township offices if anybody would like to sign up please let her know.

Klein reported that she will be attending a meeting with Bob Struck in KI on October 1st, 2018.

Klein reported that Marq-Tran participated in the Eastwood evacuation training on September 25th, 2018.

Board Member Comments:

Quayle inquired about the accident report where a passenger was left on the bus. Klein commented that Pathways in handling the investigation and we have to wait for their report on the full investigation. Klein explained that the driver asked three times if the passenger was on the bus and another passenger said that she did not ride the bus today. Richer commented that we are using this experience as a learning experience for all of our drivers. Richer commented that he met with Pathways and requested again for aids on the bus along with the group homes having a worker to come out to the bus when the passengers are dropped off.

Boyd commented that he appreciated the website improvements. Richer commented that he is currently looking into a different company to help with even more improvements to the website.

Quayle commented that Marq-Tran should solicit bids for an IT Company. Discussion was had in regards to the charges currently being billed. Koski commented that she has been going over every bill with a fine tooth comb and questioning all charges. Quayle made a motion to solicit bids for an IT Company. Boyd supported. Unanimously approved.

Kasper commented that she was riding the Ishpeming Fixed route and the New Flyer bus has a bad exhaust odor. Another passenger commented that the smell was making them feel dizzy. Richer commented that this has been an issue with the New Flyers. As soon as the odor is reported the mechanics pull the buss off the road to look into repairs.

Kasper commented that she attended a community forum at the City of Ishpeming and two groups discussed the need for an express shuttle from Ishpeming to Marquette during commute hours for people to get to work. Klein commented that Marq-Tran had looked into this before and the group requesting it did not approve of the cost that she quoted to them. Klein commented that Marq-Tran can revisit this again.

Public Comment:

None

Adjournment:

Bosio made a motion for adjournment at 6:42 p.m. Boyd supported. Unanimously approved. Nankervis adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Sincerely,

A. Koski