

Marquette County Transit Authority

1325 Commerce Drive

Marquette, MI 49855

Board Meeting Minutes of August 15th, 2019

Call to Order:

Bosio Boyd Etelamaki Grund Kasper Krah LaRue

Nankervis Tollefson

Others present: Geller, Operations Klein, Director Koski, Finance Richer, Operations

Minutes:

Larue made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2019 as presented. Kasper supported. Unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda:

Larue made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Grund supported.

Unanimously approved.

Agenda:

Larue made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Krah supported.

Unanimously approved.

Public Comment: Joanne from The League of Women Voters, thanked Marq-Tran for their service for Pine Ridge residents.

Action Items:

1. Report on health insurance options: Klein reported that we received options from VAST for our employees' Health Insurance. Tom Snow met with staff and explained the options. After careful review, the BCBSM SB PPO HRA Gold 4000 plan looks best for our employees and Marq-Tran. This Plan has a 1% increase with a higher copay for office visits of \$10. A \$5/\$10 increase in prescriptions, and a seamless HRA buy down for employee's deductibles. There is a risk of \$82,500 to Marq-Tran only if all employees max out their insurance benefits. We have had good results in the past with this kind of plan. Optical Insurance has an increase of 2.53% and Dental Insurance a decrease of 3.31%

2. Report on Pine Ridge Fire Transportation: Klein reported that Marq-Tran sent four busses to help evacuate the residents and bring them to shelter. We provided complimentary transportation for displaced residence following the fire for several days. We transported residents from shelter to shelter, shopping, post office and other locations. Total passengers transported 142, accumulated miles 175, total hours 61.5 at a cost of \$70.00 per hour. Total cost \$4305.00.
3. Klein reported CD rates for 52 weeks, 2 years, and 3 years. Tollefson made a motion for 1 CD for 1 year and 1 CD for 15 months.

Any Old or New Business: Klein reported that NMU contracts remained the same. One new bus has been built, but after inspection there are changes to be made. Buses may start arriving in October.

Board Member's Comments: Boyd reported Marq-Tran has been doing a lot of good for the community.

Kasper reported that the 3rd weekend in September there are races in Ishpeming. Tollefson reported that he met with Marquette City Manager about placing a bus at Walgreens. Conversation is still fluid.

Larue reported that Tollefson shouldn't be talking to the city without including Klein and Operations.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Bosio made a motion for adjournment. Larue supported. Nankervis adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Sincerely,

William Geller