

**Marquette County Transit Authority  
1325 Commerce Drive Marquette, MI 49855**

**Board Meeting Minutes of 10/21/21**

**Call to Order:** 6:00 PM by Chairman Jim Nankervis

**Roll Call:**

Present: Jim Nankervis, Angelo Bosio, Tony Tollefson, Karen Kasper, Sarah Etelamaki, David Boyd, Bill De Groot, Jason Wallner, Taylor Klipp, Scott Krah, Pete La Rue.

Others Present: Bill Geller-Executive Director, Mike Richer- Operations Manager, Kristine McDonnell-Finance Officer, Kevin Hodges-Operations Manager/Maintenance Supervisor.

Excused or Absent: Delynn Klein

**Minutes:**

Motion made by Jason Wallner to approve minutes of the 9-23-21 meeting. Supported by Pete LaRue. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion was made to accept Agenda items A-D by Tony Tollefson. Supported by Sarah Etelamaki. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Agenda:**

Motion made by Angelo Bosio to approve agenda with the addition of item 5, Chocloy Township Master Plan Draft Review. Supported by Karen Kasper. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Opportunity for Citizens to Address the Authority:**

None.

**Action Items:**

- 1) Report from Building Committee given by Pete LaRue. Motion made by Bill De Groot to accept the Building Committee Report. Supported by Karen Kasper. Unanimously supported. Motion carried.
- 2) Personnel Committee report presented by Bill De Groot. Motion made by Jim Nankervis to approve the Personnel Committee report. Supported by Jason Wallner. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.
- 3) Master Agreement with MDOT needs to be updated every 5 years. Motion made by Tony Tollefson to accept the Master Agreement. Seconded by Pete La Rue. Unanimously supported. Motion carried. The agreement was signed by Secretary Angelo Bosio.
- 4) A discussion draft of the Social Media Policy was presented by Bill Geller. Board members are asked to review it and come to the next meeting with comments and suggestions. Jason Wallner thanked Bill Geller for the revisions he had already made.
- 5) A review of the Chocolay Master Plan draft, which is a recertification of the 2015 plan was presented. If you have any questions contact Dale Throenle or Bill De Groot at 906-249-1448.

**Any Old or New Business:**

- 1) The Executive Director report written by Delynn Klein was read by Bill Geller.
- 2) The Accident report was discussed. Bus drivers are not to drive under canopies with the exceptions of dialysis and possibly the Ishpeming Multi Service Senior Center. This was reviewed at the last safety meeting.

**Upcoming meetings:**

November 18, 2021. Board meeting at Marquette Facility 6:00 PM.

**Board Members Comments:**

*David Boyd* stated he noticed the public is using the Transfer Station bus lane as a cut across from Third to Spring Street. He stated that the website is not updated in a timely manner. Jason Wallner explained that this is due to the fact that the

draft of the previous month meeting minutes needs to be approved by the Board before they are posted on the website.

*Pete La Rue* asked how many buses are running door to door. Mike Richer addressed that we are running as many as we can and our numbers are increasing. We are having trouble finding qualified candidates and many have dropped out of training. Three of the six part time shifts will be filled by the three candidates in training right now. There is a long wait for driver testing. Fixed routes may possibly begin in January some time. The Federal Transit Administration rules for training are changing. Mike Richer and Keven Hodges are working on that so they can continue to train in house.

*Jason Wallner* asked if this in in the works now? Kevin Hodges and Mike Richer explained that this is coming from the FTA and will be effective February 7<sup>th</sup>. They have heard nothing from MDOT about this. They are at the beginning of this and need time to figure things out.

*Kristine McDonnell* stated that she has been here for a month and two weeks now and she likes it.

**Opportunity for Citizens to address the Authority:**

None.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Angelo Bosio to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Karen Kasper. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Chairman Nankervis adjourned the meeting at 6:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristine McDonnell  
Finance Officer