

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

**Board Meeting Minutes of 11/18/21**

**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, Pete La Rue.

Others Present: Delynn Klein-Executive Director, Mike Richer- Operations Manager, Kristine McDonnell-Finance Officer.

Excused or Absent: Scott Krah, Bill Geller, Kevin Hodges

**Minutes:**

Motion was made by Taylor Klipp to approve minutes of the 10-21-21 meeting, with a correction on page 3 pointed out by Karen Kasper. Supported by Bill De Groot. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:**

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

**Agenda:**

Motion was made by Jason Wallner to approve agenda with the addition of item 2, Sunny 101.9 morning show with Bill and Delynn to attend. Supported by Sarah Etelamaki. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Opportunity for Citizens to Address the Authority:** None.

**Action Items:**

- 1) Board support for an employee expanded winter safety meeting to be held in January. Motion was made by David Boyd. Supported by Tony Tollefson. Unanimously supported. Motion carried.
- 2) An employee meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2021 from 12:00-2:00pm. Delynn and Bill are to be interviewed by Mark and Walt from Sunny 102 at 7:30 am. Motion was made by Tony Tollefson. Supported by Jim Nankervis. Unanimously Supported. Motion carried.

**Any Old or New Business:**

- 1) The Executive Director report was presented by Delynn Klein. We are exempt from the Federal Transit Administration's new rules for CDL training. The Board training meeting has been rescheduled for January 18, 2021. The bus wash is complete. Work needs to be done for better wash water control at the exit. Finance committee needs to plan a meeting to review the 2023 budget and the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

**Upcoming meetings:**

Finance Committee meeting December 15, 2021 at 4:00 pm.

Board Meeting December 16, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Board training January 18, 2022 from 4:00-8:00 pm. There will be a break for dinner.

**Board Members Comments:**

*Sarah Etelamaki* said this is her last term. She will not be seeking reappointment. She will be absent at the December Board meeting, but will be able to attend the Finance meeting. Delynn thanked her for her service.

*Bill De Groot* reminded members to review the Social Media Policy and get comments and suggestions to him. He has some signed documents to forward to Delynn.

*Jim Nankervis* stated he will be absent for the December Board meeting. Pete La Rue will chair.

*Toney Tollefson* reminded everyone that December 2, 2021 is the NMU Holiday Dinner & Marketplace. He asked Mike Richer how far away are we to go back to fixed routes. Mike stated hopefully early spring. He explained that it has been hard to find someone who wants to drive a bus. The indeed ad was changed to looking for a dispatcher. We received 50 applicants for that. They have been setting up interviews and there have been several no shows. We also get a lot of applicants who cannot pass the required drug test. We have a zero-tolerance drug policy. Once an applicant fails a drug test that is it for them. They do not get a second chance. Because we receive federal funding, and the applicants are applying for a CDL, they must be tested and pass. Bill DeGroot commented that indeed is any easy way for unemployment claimants to be compliant with the unemployment search for work requirement. This may explain some of the no shows.

*Jason Wallner* found his social media draft and will forward it to Bill Geller and Bill De Groot. December 11, 2021 is Tinsel Town in in Negaunee.

*Karen Kasper* said we are not the only ones having trouble hiring bus drivers. On a recent trip she noticed many "now hiring" signs at Transits.

*David Boyd* inquired about the scheduling of the summer meetings and another function he likes to attend. Delynn stated the schedule will be out in December.

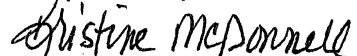
**Opportunity for Citizens to address the Authority: None.**

**Adjournment:**

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

Chairman Nankervis adjourned the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Kristine McDonnell  
Finance Officer