

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

**Board Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2021**

**Call to Order:** 6:00 pm, by Chairman Jim Nankervis.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Jim Nankervis, Tony Tollefson, Karen Kasper, David Boyd, Jason Wallner, Taylor Klipp (via zoom), Pete La Rue, Scott Krah.

Others Present: Delynn Klein-Executive Director, Bill Geller- Executive Director, Kristine McDonnell-Finance Officer, Kevin Hodges-Operations Manager.

Excused or Absent: Angelo Bosio, Bill De Groot, Sarah Etelamaki, Mike Richer.

**Minutes:**

Motion was made by Jason Wallner to approve minutes of the 11-18-21 meeting. Supported by Pete La Rue. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion was made to accept Agenda items A-D by Pete La Rue. Supported by Scott Krah. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Agenda:**

Motion was made by Karen Kasper to approve agenda with the addition of item 2, resolution of appreciation for Sarah Etelamaki. Supported by David Boyd. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

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

**Action Items:**

- 1) Approval of the Board Meeting calendar for 2022. Changes were made to the July and August meetings. They will be held at 5:00 PM. Motion was made by Pete La Rue. Supported by Tony Tollefson. Unanimously supported. Motion carried.
- 2) Report from the Finance committee given by Tony Tollefson. Motion was made by Tony Tollefson to approve the 2023 budget. Supported by Pete La Rue. Unanimously Supported. Motion carried.
- 3) Resolution of appreciation for Sarah Etelamaki. We appreciate her service on the Board.

**Any Old or New Business:**

- 1) The Executive Director report was presented by Delynn Klein. We received thank you notes from Trillium House and Wells Township. The auditors were here the week of December 6<sup>th</sup>. They will be back on January 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. At that time, we will ask them about investing options.

**Upcoming meetings:**

Board Meeting January 20, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

**Board Members Comments:**

*Kevin Hodges* stated that he has been conducting interviews for Dispatch.

*Delynn Klein* stated that TSA extended the requirement to wear masks on the buses until March of 2022.

*Bill Geller* stated that a DS Tech came from Escanaba to give a presentation on a new telephone system.

*David Boyd* wanted to hear more details on the bus accidents. A report will be included with Board packs in the future.

*Jason Wallner* discussed the social media policy and has forwarded a more thorough one to Bill De Groot and Bill Geller. He also noticed an unmarked bus in service. It was explained to him that the bus was being tested out by maintenance before it can join the fleet. He dropped the Marq-Tran name for a Vietnam

Veterans reunion as an option for transportation. Many of these Veterans are disabled.

*Pete La Rue* asked if we train Bus Drivers during the winter. Kevin Hodges explained that we used to but the difficulty involving training in the winter has not made it a good option anymore.

*Karen Kasper* said she had a problem with her bus ride this morning. She called a Marq-Tran Dispatcher and they took care of her.

*Taylor Klipp* The City of Marquette Transit Committee would like to send two representatives to attend our January meeting for a 10-minute presentation

*Jim Nankervis* spoke of Delynn's celebration and read a thank you card she wrote to the Board.

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

**Adjournment:**

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

Chairman Nankervis adjourned the meeting at 6:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristine McDonnell  
Finance Officer