

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

**Board Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2022**

**Call to Order:** 6:00 PM by Chairman James Nankervis.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Jim Nankervis, Tony Tollefson, Karen Kasper, David Boyd, Bill DeGroot, Jason Wallner, Taylor Klipp via phone, Pete LaRue, Scott Krah, Dawn Schuhknecht.

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

Excused or Absent: Angelo Bosio

**Minutes:**

Motion was made by Jason Wallner to approve the minutes of the 02/17/2022 meeting. Supported by Scott Krah. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:**

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

**Agenda:**

Motion was made by Tony Tollefson to approve agenda. Supported by Karen Kasper. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

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

**Action Items:**

- 1) Social Media Policy: Discussion and review of the updated policy. Motion made by Scott Krah to implement the new policy. Supported by Tony Tollefson. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.
- 2) Finance Committee Report: Presented by Bill Geller in absence of Angelo Bosio. Discussion held about Act 51, the board training coming up soon, investments and the possibility of the gas tax being taken away. This would hurt us as the gas tax helps fund public transportation. Motion made by Pete LaRue to accept the finance report. Supported by Jason Wallner. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.
- 3) Operations Committee report: Presented by Mike Richer and Scott Krah. The target date to go to the modified fixed routes is by May 1, 2022. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made by Bill DeGroot to implement the modified fixed routes. Supported by Tony Tollefson. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Any Old or New Business:**

- 1) Bill Geller presented the Executive Directors report. He presented the revised ADA policy. Motion made by David Boyd to accept the revised ADA policy. Seconded by Pete LaRue. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Upcoming meetings:**

Board meeting April 21 at 6:00 PM.

**Board Members Comments:**

*Scott Krah* thanked Mike and crew for coming up with a great plan for modified fixed routes.

*Karen Kasper* asked about the mask requirement on transit. Bill explained it has been extended to April 18, 2022.

*Jason Wallner* stated kudos in the plan to go to fixed routes. Get it out there, attend council meetings, etc. Post notices. Inquired if Marq-Tran could use covid dollars to make upgrades to touchless soap, towel dispensers and toilets.

*Tony Tollefson* said that there are other places to reach out to and get the word out. Rotary, Kiwanis and other groups. Tell the story about how covid affected public transit. It's critical at this juncture to reinforce positive messages.

*Taylor Klipp* was happy to see us move the deadline to May 1. This allows more time to get the word out and better prepare ourselves.

*Pete LaRue* said nice job!

*David Boyd* would like us to invite the City of Marquette to hear about the plans they have for Third Street. It was explained to him that it is too early to do that as they are not ready yet.

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

**Adjournment:**

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

Chairman Jim Nankervis adjourned the meeting at 7:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristine McDonnell  
Finance Officer