

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

**Board Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2022.**

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

**Roll Call:**

Present: Jim Nankervis, Angelo Bosio, Tony Tollefson, Karen Kasper, David Boyd, Bill DeGroot, Jason Wallner, Pete LaRue, Scott Krah, Dawn Schuhknecht.

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

Excused or Absent: Taylor Klipp, Keven Hodges.

**Minutes:**

Motion was made by Pete LaRue to approve the minutes of the 04/21/22 meeting. Supported by Angelo Bosio. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion was made to accept Agenda items A-D by Jason Wallner. Supported by Scott Krah. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Agenda:**

Motion was made by Pete LaRue to approve agenda. Supported by David Boyd. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

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

**Action Items:**

- 1) A finance meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 PM.

**Any Old or New Business:**

- 1) Bill Geller presented the Executive Directors report. He attended the annual Michigan Transit Pool meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>. On May 20<sup>th</sup> we are having a triennial compliance review conducted by the Office of Public Transportation. Marq Tran is supplying two buses for the Build and Broaden Indigenous Food Sovereignty Symposium and Festival to be held at NMU on May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 2) The contract with NMU Shoppers Shuttle will be renewed in July.

**Upcoming meetings:**

Finance meeting May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 PM. Board meeting June 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

**Board Members Comments:**

*Karen Kasper* stated the drop off and pick up at the Goodwill store is not right. Mike will talk to the driver and indicate the proper pick up spot. She was on the bus this afternoon and there was a belligerent and obnoxious passenger on that bus that was kind of threatening. She said she is thankful we have cameras on our buses. She solved the wait between her bus runs by scheduling door to door service. Worth every penny to her.

*Jason Wallner* wanted to let us know construction season is starting in Negaunee, please be aware that it may affect some of the bus routes. He appreciated the Board Meeting Training and thinks it's something we should do every year. He is ready and available to train our employees regarding obnoxious, intoxicated and high bus passengers. He can also do Naloxone nasal training. He is a certified trainer in this. The nasal spray is free to public agencies through a grant.

*David Boyd* would like more clarification on the accounts payable list. Bill DeGroot stated that any questions can be directed to him or Tony Tollefson and the Treasurer Angelo Bosio.

*Bill DeGroot* indicated he just signed April and May checks for the finance meeting.

*Tony Tollefson* appreciated the board training and the way they hit on how important it is to use free advertising. Be bold and positive and use all available free advertising sources.

*Angelo Bosio* Thank you to Mike, Bill and Keven for addressing the Board at the Ishpeming Senior Center.

*Pete LaRue* Regarding free advertising how about using the current gas prices and pushing save money take the bus. He also questioned Mike about the fixed routes and how it is going. Mike stated that it is going well. The new employees have been trained on them and the longer-term employees are getting back into the swing of things.

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

**Adjournment:**

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

Chairman Jim Nankervis adjourned the meeting at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristine McDonnell  
Finance Officer