

Marquette County Transit Authority
1325 Commerce Drive Marquette, MI 49855

Board Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2022.

Call to Order: 5:00 PM by Chairman James Nankervis.

Roll Call:

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

Others Present: Bill Geller-Executive Director, Kristine McDonnell-Finance Officer.

Excused or Absent: Tony Tollefson, Kevin Hodges-Operations Manager, Mike Richer-Operations Manager.

Minutes:

Motion was made by Jason Wallner to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2022 meeting.

Supported by Pete LaRue. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Motion was made to accept Agenda items A-D by Taylor Klipp. Supported by Dawn Schuhknecht. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Agenda:

Motion was made by Pete LaRue to approve agenda. Supported by Jason Wallner.

Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Presentation:

Dispatch and Lead Dispatch positions were presented by the Lead Dispatcher. Questions were asked of her.

Opportunity for Citizens to Address the Authority: None

Action Items:

- 1) Elect a new Secretary. Dawn Schuhknecht was nominated. She accepted. Motion made by Pete LaRue to elect Dawn as the new secretary. Supported by Taylor Klipp. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.
- 2) Finance Committee report given by Bill DeGroot. Discussion was held regarding wage rates. These items will go to the Personnel Committee. Motion made by Jim Nankervis to accept the finance report. Supported by Scott Krah. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.
- 3) Motion made by Taylor Klipp to approve the third and fourth payment to MERS for 100,000.00. One payment for 100000.00 will be made in August. The last payment will be

made in September, around the 15th. Supported by Bill DeGroot. Unanimously approved.
Motion carried.

Any Old or New Business:

- 1) Bill Geller presented the Executive Director's report. He explained monthly rider chart that compares income by month. He also stated the health insurance is going up and presented the comparisons given by Vast. It would be in our best interest to stay with the current plan. Motion made by Taylor Klipp to stay with the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan plan we currently have. Seconded by Pete LaRue. Unanimously approved.
Motion carried.

Upcoming meetings:

Board Meeting September 22, 2022 at 6:00 PM. To be held at the Ishpeming facility.

Board Members Comments:

Taylor Klipp asked if we give free rides to register to vote in addition to the free rides to vote. He stated this might be a good thing to do.

Pete LaRue discussed the lead dispatch presentation.

Jason Wallner is not in support of the 5:00 meetings. He also verified the time and date of the next meeting. Stated that it may be time to hire an HR position marketed as an executive assistant. He would like to discuss it at the Personnel meeting

Karen Kasper asked if we should have a Building and Maintenance Committee meeting at the Ishpeming facility before we have the Board Meeting there? Bill Geller will e-mail all those that are involved.

Jim Nankervis indicated that a Personnel Committee meeting should be held. Bill DeGroot will send out an email request to the committee members. Jim also asked how Kevin is doing.

Opportunity for Citizens to address the Authority: None

Adjournment:

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

Chairman Jim Nankervis adjourned the meeting at 5:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristine McDonnell
Finance Officer