

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

**Board Meeting Minutes of June 16, 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, 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 Tony Tollefson to approve the minutes of the 05/19/22 meeting. Supported by Pete LaRue. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion was made to accept Agenda items A-D by Bill De Groot. Supported by Scott Krah. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Agenda:**

Motion was made by Jason Wallner to approve agenda. Supported by Taylor Klipp. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

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

**Action Items:**

- 1) Finance Committee report given by Tony Tollefson. A discussion ensued about extra MERS employer contributions for FY ending 9/30/22. The target amount is 400,000. A motion was made by Taylor Klipp to make 4 payments over the next 4 months. The first payment will be 100,000. Subsequent payments will be decided at the next three board meetings. Supported by Jason Wallner. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.
- 2) Bill Geller provided appendix B on the company drug and alcohol policy. Motion was made by David Boyd to accept the changes on appendix B. Supported by Scott Krah. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Any Old or New Business:**

- 1) Bill Geller presented the Director's report. Kristine McDonnell and Bill Geller attended the OPT drug and alcohol training class held at Marq-Tran on June 14, 2022.

**Upcoming meetings:**

Board Meeting July 21, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

**Board Members Comments:**

*Tony Tollefson* has been hearing ads for job openings and was happy that the starting wage was included in them. Mike Richer stated that it has not really attracted more applicants. He also asked Mike Richer how the modified routes are going. Mike said good, numbers are low but we are expecting them to increase.

*Jason Wallner* indicated that Pioneer Days is happening in Negaunee July 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. The 9<sup>th</sup> will include fireworks.

*Karen Kasper* said we need to come to a consensus on how fares are structured. She has seen some confusion when she rides the bus. It would be nice to see the fares on the website. She also stated the schedule is not good for Ishpeming and Negaunee college students. Mike Richer said nothing has changed with fares and the time that we schedule the routes has to be consistent.

*Pete LaRue* mentioned that there is a car show at the Westwood Mall Saturday from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

**Opportunity for Citizens to address the Authority:** JoAnne from the League of Women Voters said if meeting times change she would like to see those changes on the website.

**Adjournment:**

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

Chairman Jim Nankervis adjourned the meeting at 6:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristine McDonnell  
Finance Officer