

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

**Board Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2022.**

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

**Roll Call:**

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

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

Excused or Absent: Dawn Schuhknecht.

**Minutes:**

Motion was made by Tony Tollefson to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2022 meeting. Supported by Pete LaRue. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion was made to accept Agenda items A-D by Pete LaRue, with a question on item C fleet incident report. Supported by Jason Wallner. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Agenda:**

Motion was made by Bill DeGroot to approve agenda with the additions under action items #4 Personnel Committee report. Supported by Jason Wallner. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

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

**Action Items:**

1) Approval of the Board meeting calendar for 2023. Motion was made by Tony Tollefson to approve the meeting scheduled dates. Supported by Pete LaRue. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

2) Report given by Tony Tollefson for the Finance committee. The 2023 Budget was reviewed. Motion made by Taylor Klipp to accept the Finance report. Seconded by Pete LaRue. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

3) Motion made by Tony Tollefson to accept the 2023 budget. Seconded by Scott Krah. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

4) Report from the Personnel Committee given by Bill DeGroot. The Executive Directors goal setting. The Executive Director will have a hand out for the Board with his goals for 2023. Suggested policy changes which were reviewed by our Auditor from Makela, Toutant, Hill, Nardi & Katona, P.C. The Board will discuss these at the January meeting. Motion made by Tony Tollefson to accept the Personnel Committee report. Seconded by Pete LaRue. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Any Old or New Business:**

- 1) Bill Geller presented the Executive Director's report. This is David Boyd's last meeting. Bill thanked him for his service.

**Upcoming meetings:**

Board meeting January 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

**Board Members Comments:**

*David Boyd* said he has been involved with this transit for 40 Years. Some things he would like to see happen:

- 1) Board meeting advertised so more public would attend.
- 2) Name tags for employees with years of service displayed on them.
- 3) Drivers indication of operating/vision issue with the buses.
- 4) Board members should ride the bus at least once a year.
- 5) Concern about the garage he would like us to subcontract bus repair services.
- 6) Could the old airport be converted to a training center for bus drivers.
- 7) A Food event should be held at least once a year for employees, board members and their families.
- 8) Elders who have surrendered their drivers licenses or no longer drive should be given a free bus pass for a period of time so they can experience our service.
- 9) Cell phone cost does not agree we should be paying \$71.00 a month. The Executive Director informed him we changed service and it will now cost us \$11.00 a month.
- 10) Landscaping costs. He does not agree with them.

(Applause from the Board)

*Bill DeGroot* said it has been a pleasure working with David, he will miss him.

*Taylor Klipp* thanks David and I have had a bus ride. The bus driver perfectly avoided hitting a deer on Division street. Very impressive.

*Tony Tollefson* indicated to all have safe holidays and see you next year.

*Pete La Rue* said Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you, David.

*Jason Wallner* stated Thank you, David. Everyone have safe Holidays.

*Karen Kasper* expressed Happy Holidays.

*Scott Krah* said thanks David and Happy Holidays.

*Kristine McDonnell* wished everyone Happy Holiday's, I can't wait to see you all next year. Thank you, David.

*Kevin Hodges* thanked David and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Mike Richer* indicated that we are required to train our drivers out on the road. It's a stipulation of CDL training.

*Bill Geller* Happy Holidays everybody.

*Jim Nankervis* expressed Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you, David.

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

**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 6:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristine McDonnell  
Finance Officer