

Marquette County Transit Authority
1325 Commerce Drive Marquette, MI 49855

Board Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2023

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

Roll Call:

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

Others Present: Bill Geller-Executive Director, Kristine McDonnell-Finance Officer, Kevin Hodges-Operations Manager, Janet Cobb-Administrative Assistant.

Excused or Absent: Taylor Klipp, Mike Richer- Operations Manager.

Minutes:

Motion was made by Tony Tollefson to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2022 meeting. Supported by Bill DeGroot. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

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

Agenda:

Motion was made by Jason Wallner to approve agenda. Supported by Bill DeGroot. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Opportunity for Citizens to Address the Authority: None

Action Items:

1) Nominations and election of board members.

Chairperson: Tony Tollefson nominated James Nankervis. James accepted.

Vice Chairperson: James Nankervis nominated Pete LaRue. Pete accepted.

Treasurer: Bill DeGroot nominated Tony Tollefson. Tony accepted.

Secretary: James Nankervis nominated Dawn Schuhknecht. Dawn accepted.

Motion made by Jason Wallner to accept nominations as presented above. Seconded by Bill DeGroot. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

2) Committee assignment lists were passed out to the Board. Please indicate where you would like to serve and return to the Executive Director.

3) Fiscal year 2024 Annual Application and Resolution of Intent was reviewed by the Board. Motion made by Bill DeGroot to accept resolution of Intent as presented. Supported by Pete LaRue. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Any Old or New Business:

- 1) Bill Geller presented the Executive Director's report. He also asks if the Board had found any one interested to join the Board from Ishpeming.
- 2) Board Members please verify you mailing address, email and phone numbers on the Board list.
- 3) The Accessibility Plan was presented by Bill Geller. Please take home and review prior to the next board meeting.

Upcoming meetings:

Board meeting February 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

Board Members Comments:

Barb Owdziej indicated the city asked her to be a member of this board. She is passionate about alternative transportation. She would like to see Marq-Tran flourish. She did take a bus ride. She also toured the facilities.

Bill DeGroot thanked the administrative staff for their monthly reports. Ridership seems to be consistent. He questioned the increase of pass sales. There is an increase with three month passes purchased by schools.

Tony Tollefson indicated he needs to talk to the auditors. Thursday he was traveling back from Appleton and saw Marq-Tran still up and running during the snow storm. He was happy to see that. He saw some information on social media about Marq-Tran that was erroneous.

Jason Wallner talked about the trouble in recruiting and keeping employees. He would like to see an operations summary at future board meetings so all board members know of our hiring issues and they can pass the word. Heikki Lunta is happening in Negaunee on February 3rd and 4th. There are going to be street closures that will affect bus routes. Also, Iron street will be torn up some time this spring.

Karen Kasper was happy the previous meeting in January was cancelled due to the snowstorm.

Dawn Schuhknecht Welcomed Barb and Janet. She also indicated she can be put on other committees where she is needed.

Scott Krah indicated he had heard from several down state parents of NMU students that they love the fact that they can take a Marq-Tran bus to the ski hill.

Bill Geller stated that we need to schedule a finance meeting for the first quarter of FYE 2023. After the committee is formed we will schedule a finance meeting but it needs to be before the next board meeting.

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 6:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristine McDonnell
Finance Officer