

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

Board Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2023

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

Roll Call:

Present: Jim Nankervis, Tony Tollefson, Jason Wallner, Pete LaRue, Dawn Schuhknecht, Karen Kasper, Barb Owdziej, Ed Anderson, Scott Krah, Taylor Klipp.

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

Excused or Absent: Bill De Groot.

Minutes:

Motion made by Jason Wallner to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2023 meeting. Supported by Scott Krah. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

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

Agenda:

Motion was made by Jason Wallner to approve agenda. Supported by Karen Kasper. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Opportunity for Citizens to Address the Authority: None

Action Items:

- 1) The FYE 9/30/22 Audit was presented by Paul Nardi from Makela, Toutant, Hill & Nardi P.C. It has been filed with the State of Michigan and the Federal Audit Clearing House. The FYE 9/30/22 audit is fully complete.
- 2) Discussion was held on the current CD rates at Range Bank. The current rate is 4.25% for a 52-week CD. At maturity, we will then roll them over into 52-week CD's which will then mature quarterly. Range Bank is also bumping the ICS savings account from 2.25% to 3.50%. Motion made by Tony Tollefson to put 200,000.00 in a 15 to 18-month CD and 200,000.00 into two 26-week CD's. Also, to put 200,000.00 into a 52-week CD. Supported by Taylor Klipp. Unanimously approved. Motion carried. Discussion was held about drafting a financial policy and an investment policy.

3) An operations meeting is scheduled on Monday May 1st at 2:00 to discuss the survey from Community Action of Marquette an Alger County.

Any Old or New Business:

1) Bill Geller presented the Executive Director's report. He attended a US 41 Corridor meeting, Job court press conference, and a Rural Managers Workshop. We are getting a bus and bus parts from ALTRAN. He is working on a request for bids regarding the HVAC system repairs that need to be done. This is being paid for with grant money.

Upcoming meetings:

Operations meeting Monday May 1, 2023 at 2:00 PM.

Board meeting Thursday May, 18 2023 at 6:00 PM.

Board Members Comments:

Barb Owdziej said it was good to hear the Financial presentation. She wonders about long term funding and electric vehicles. The Executive Director told her we can be funded anywhere from 20% to 60% it fluctuates quite a bit.

Ed Anderson the facility needs to anticipate 3 to 5-year plan of building repair expenses. Replacing a leaky roof is expensive, yet we cannot foresee the future. The new heating system is going to be expensive. It's nice to have the monies available for potential things in the future.

Tony Tollefson the money issue, we were fortunate to get a lot of covid money. But covid also changed the way we operated. The extra pension payments were not intended so we could get some State and Federal funding. The intention was to keep the promise we make to our employees. It is always going to be ongoing. He is anticipating we will make extra payments for this fiscal year. He had questions about the accident in Negaunee. The details will be in next month's board packet.

Pete LaRue asked Bill Geller about the road condition of Commerce Drive. It is bad. In the winter it becomes very icy. The design was wrong from the start.

Jason Wallner was at the Negaunee accident. He commended the staff for a job well done. He liked the conversation regarding building issues. He is in a 21-year-old building and knows what kinds of repair issues come up. There are road repairs in Negaunee coming up this construction season.

Karen Kasper indicated there is going to be construction of a roundabout at the intersection of US 41 and Lakeshore Drive this construction season. It will affect the Ishpeming shopper.

Mike Richer said that we will keep an eye on the road constructions and how they are going to push traffic through the side roads. We will reroute and keep the service as close as possible. We are currently trying to build back our on-call drivers. It is a good second career. There are currently advertisements for these positions. If you know of anyone that would be interested in this job please tell them to apply.

Opportunity for Citizens to address the Authority: None

Adjournment:

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

Chairman Jim Nankervis adjourned the meeting at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristine McDonnell
Finance Officer