

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

Board Meeting Minutes of May 18, 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, Janet Cobb-Administrative Assistant.

Excused or Absent: Bill De Groot, Kevin Hodges-Operations Manager.

Minutes:

Motion made by Taylor Klipp to approve the minutes of the April 20, 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 Jason Wallner. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Agenda:

Motion was made by Ed Anderson to approve agenda. Supported by Pete LaRue. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Opportunity for Citizens to Address the Authority: None

Action Items:

1. Scott Krah gave the Operations Committee report. There was a review of the Community Action of Alger and Marquette County's survey of Marquette County Transit Authority. It was the consensus of the committee that the survey was poorly done and not very useful. We would like to have more input from the Authority on any future surveys done. We were never notified that they were doing a survey. Bill DeGroot brought it to the attention of Bill Geller-Executive Director.

Any Old or New Business:

1. Bill Geller gave the Executive Directors Report. He attended the MPT annual meeting and gained some useful knowledge from that. He also attended a meeting with

Marquette County and City officials. The County has set aside \$100,000.00 in ARPA funds for Marq-Tran. Discussion was held about what these funds could be spent on. Four CD's were opened at Range Bank. We also have money coming from a small urban grant for about \$81,000.00. These monies will be used for tires, security cameras and chip sealing the parking lots at the Marquette and Ishpeming facilities. Free bus ride passes have been made and were given to the Women's Center for their Purses for Purpose campaign. We will also use the for inconvenienced passengers and leave some at St. Vincent DePaul and the Salvation Army. In the future the Executive Director is planning on visiting some Transits that have been using new dispatch software.

Upcoming meetings:

Building Committee meeting Monday May 25, 2023 at Noon. Meet at the Marquette Facility and then we will go to the Transfer Station after the Marquette Facility walk through.
Board meeting Thursday June 15, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

Board Members Comments:

Pete LaRue said he likes what the Executive Director is thinking about the future of Marq-Tran including bus tracking and security issues.

Tony Tollefson inquired about hiring employees. At this time, we are seeking fill in drivers. He opened up a discussion for minor students ride free from June 1st through August 31st. Motion made by Tony Tollefson to have Operations and Management advertise minor students ride free starting June 1st and ending August 31st. Supported by Taylor Klipp. Unanimously supported. Motion carried.

Taylor Klipp said a decision should be made on what the ARPA funds should be spent on. The sooner the better.

Barb Owdziej stated she thinks the idea of the GPS App is in line with the way of technology in the world is heading. This should be a priority for Marq-Tran.

Opportunity for Citizens to address the Authority: None

Adjournment:

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

Chairman Jim Nankervis adjourned the meeting at 6:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristine McDonnell
Finance Officer