



Michigan Association of Transportation Systems (MASSTrans)
Annual Board of Directors Meeting

Monday September 12, 2016

11:00 a.m.

Pine Lake Lodge

Boyne City, MI

- I. Call to Order – 11:08
Present: Ken Jimkoski (Huron), Dawn Benson (Clinton), Jill Drury (Charlevoix), Eric Sprague (Bay Metro), Julee Dean (Crawford), Carrie Thompson (CWTA), Mary Cook (Beaver Island), Brian Neuville (Caro), Bill Purvis (Twin Cities), Bill Kennis (Benzie) and John Drury.
- II. Review of September 14, 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes:
Motion to approve: Neuville
Supported by: Sprague
Motion carried: unanimous
- III. Report of the President: Jimkoski reported on meeting with the lobbyist, legislators, and MDOT though the year. He and Thompson met with McKinney this year to set up goals and a contract for services.
- IV. Report of the Secretary: Drury did not report any correspondence this year.
- IV. Report of the Treasurer: Benson reported current balance was \$66,369.39 with total conference payables of \$49,223.67. Member dues invoices will be sent out shortly. Payables for the full amount of the Rodeo and Front Line Training will be set up by Cindy Zolkowski and submitted to MDOT.
Motion made to pay bills by Kennis .
Supported by Thompson.
Motion carried: unanimous.
- VI. MASSTrans Lobbyist Report: McKinney not in attendance. Drury provided a legislative update sent by McKinney.
- VII. MASSTrans Executive Director Report: Drury stated his report was an update since the last meeting (August) as he provides the board monthly updates. Updated on RTF issue in Clare, discussed joint letter suggested by Clark Harder of MPTA to address the issue. Drury drafted a joint letter to MDOT urging them to establish a van contract which he'd sent to Clark Harder for review. No response on either letter from Harder to date. Drury reported that membership is up.
- VIII. Nomination and Election of Officers and Members of the Board of Directors.
Executive Director had ballots completed for Officers election and expiring board positions. There are 4 positions up for re-election. As Bill Purvis is retiring before the end of the year he has agreed

not to run. Michael Brown of Jackson is interested in his position as well as Theron Higgins of Thunder Bay. Secret ballots were distributed. Tellers Neuville, Purvis and Jimkoski counted ballots. Lyn Knapp received 7 votes, Theron Higgins received 10 votes, Eric Sprague and Dawn Benson received 11 votes. Michael Brown received 4 votes.

Election of Officers:

Jill Drury made a motion to nominate Carrie Thompson for Vice President, supported by Kennis. Unanimous support.

Secret Ballots distributed: Tellers Sprague and Neuville counted the ballots and reported the following results:

President: Ken Jimkoski, Vice President: Carrie Thompson, Treasurer: Dawn Benson, Secretary: Jill Drury

A. Committee Appointments

Training Committee:

Ken Jimkoski, Jill Drury, Lyn Knapp, Eric Sprague, Aaron Stahl, Carrie Thompson, Matt Schooley

Budget Committee:

Jim Wilson, Dawn Benson, Brian Neuville

Administrative Committee:

Ken Jimkoski, Eric Sprague

Legislative Committee:

Ken Jimkoski, Bill Kennis, Carrie Thompson,

NEMT Committee:

Bill Kennis, Julee Dean, Eric Sprague, Jill Drury

Motion by Drury to approve committee appointments, supported by Benson. Motion carried, unanimous.

IX. Review of MASSTrans Goals for 2016

Goals were reviewed.

- Establish an identity, i.e. why join MASSTrans
- Continue to retain and increase membership
- Establish an increased presence to the legislature and broaden our scope beyond the formula issue
- Continue our focus on training
- Facilitate NEMT education and dialogue for membership.
- Continue dialogue with MPTA as partners in transit
- Establish guidelines and expectations of the Lobbyist (holdover from 2015)

X. Establish MASSTrans Goals for 2017

Goals for 2017 were established:

- Establish an identity, i.e. why join MASSTrans
- Continue to retain and increase membership
- Establish an increased presence to the legislature and continue to broaden our scope beyond the formula issue.
- Expand our focus on training
- Facilitate best practices
- Facilitate NEMT education and dialogue for membership.
- Continue dialogue with MPTA as partners in transit

Motion by Purvis to accept goals as outlined, supported by Thompson. Motion carried:

Unanimous.

XI. Other Business

A. New member application.

Motion by Thompson to approve Berrien County as a member, supported by Benson.

Motion carried, unanimous.

B. Draft contract with McKinney was distributed for comments from the members.

Contract was discussed. Sprague made a motion to accept the proposed lobbying contract. Supported by Benson. Motion carried: unanimous.

XII. Adjournment/Next regular meeting: adjourn at 1:27. Next monthly meeting Monday Oct 10 in Jackson.