



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

Monday June 13, 2016
11:00 a.m.
ETC
Midland, MI

- I. Call to Order – 11:00
Present: Ken Jimkoski (Huron), Dawn Benson (Clinton), Jill Drury (Charlevoix), Lyn Knapp and Sarah Klemish (County Connection), Matt Schooley (Alma), Julee Dean (Crawford), Bill Purvis (Twin Cities), Brian Neuville (Caro), Jim Wilson (Blue Water), Bill Kennis (Benzie via phone), Onalee Pallas (Sanilac), Carrie Thompson and Aaron Stahl (CWTA), Kevin McKinney, and John Drury.
- II. Review of May 16, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes:
Motion to approve: Wilson
Supported by: Neuville
Motion carried: unanimous
- III. Treasurer's Report: Benson stated that payments are coming in for conference registration but she doesn't get notification. All professional invoices have cleared and Cummins/Bridgeway is in process. Cindy at MPTA has the reimbursement request for the conference. No bills for this month.
Motion to approve reports: Drury
Supported by: Purvis
Motion carried: unanimous
- IV. President's report: Jimkoski reported he'd received an email from Jennifer Kalczuk that stated MPTA was not interested in discussing formula changes but was in support of working toward full funding for transit operations. He read the email that Clark Harder subsequently issued that most members had not received. He expressed his frustration and disappointment in the time and effort which has been put into starting discussion on formula.
- V. MASSTrans Lobbyist Report: McKinney stated that everyone in the legislature he talks to laughs when he asks about more money for transit. The question becomes how to move forward knowing there won't be new money and what the

RTA's millage impact with be; along with CATA's BRT project. Who has the capacity to move discussion forward? What is the vehicle to move things forward? There is a shortage of state funding, so a lot of spending will be curtailed. There are 82 lawsuits against the state and the governor over Flint. There is no political will to do anything to raise any further revenue.

- VI. MASSTrans Executive Director Report: Drury attended CTAA in Portland. He assisted in setting up the Roadeo Course. Next year's CTAA will be in Detroit (RenGen and Cobo Hall), and the Roadeo will likely be somewhere within the city. Drury suggested we may want to consider holding the State Roadeo in conjunction with the National. Oregon did that this year and it went well.

On May 20th Drury received an invitation from the Governor's office to serve as a technical advisor to the 21st Century Infrastructure's Transport Subcommittee on June 8. He attended the meeting at the MITA office in Okemos. He distributed copies of his presentation to the board. Drury reported that at the end of his presentation (which was after Clark Harder's) Kirk Steudle (who is the chair of the subcommittee) asked for ideas from both Associations to address 'fixing' the expense based formula or other alternatives.

Boyne Mountain's sales staff invited Drury to tour their facility. Jill and I walked through the venues and lodging rooms. Drury thinks it is a suitable site for next year's conference. Boyne Mountain staff stated the past wifi and A/V problems have been remedied.

VII. Committee Reports

- A. Training Committee: Jill Drury gave an overview of Roadeo Status to date, Sarah Klemish stated sessions/presenters have all been confirmed and schedule will be set in the next week. Aaron Stahl gave an update on the Cvent website. All the speakers's bios are up except for one. We are waiting on presenters from RouteMatch and PCTrans. 10 registrants to date, a mix of vendors and participants.
- B. Administrative Committee
 - 1. Goals and Responsibilities of Lobbyist: Jimkoski stated that the committee had a phone conversation and want to meet with Kevin to discuss goals and responsibilities.

- VIII. New Business: Drury reported a bill sponsored by Triston Cole has passed in the House that restricts that state agencies cannot require more than the federal government's requirements. This will likely impact MDOT's procurement guidelines that are more restrictive than FTA's.

IX. Old Business:

- A. Site Selection for 2017 Conference

Wilson made a motion to hold the 2017 Conference at Boyne Mountains. Supported by Pallas. Motion carried: unanimous.

- X. Exchange of Information: Julee Dean asked about the physical requirements for employees. All the members present stated they had a local policy. She has an insulin dependent driver. The driver's physician checked 'exemption' on the form. Dean tried to find out who granted the exemption, and it's the state police. They won't deal with public transit driver exemption as public transit drivers are exempt from the physical requirement. Best advice from other members was to institute a local policy requiring a medical card with no exemptions.
- XI. Adjournment/Next meeting: July 27, 2016 at Bavarian Inn. Adjourned at 1:35 p. m.