



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

Monday December 12, 2016
11:00 a.m
Alma Library
Alma, MI

- I. Call to Order – 11:12
Present: Ken Jimkoski (Huron), Dawn Benson (Clinton), Jill Drury (Charlevoix), Carrie Thompson (CWTA), Matt Schooley (City of Alma), Maureen Daugherty (Roscommon), via phone: Jim Wilson (Blue Water), Julee Dean (Crawford), Theron Higgins (Thunder Bay), Bill Kennis (Benzie), Lyn Knapp (Midland) and John Drury, Kevin McKinney. Guests: Sharon Edgar and Andy Brush (MDOT), Eva Kassens-Noor (MSU).
- II. Review of November 14, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes:
Motion to approve: Thompson
Supported by: Drury
Motion carried: unanimous
- III. MDOT Presentation: System conditions results. Andy Brush noted 100% participation in the survey. At the end of the presentation Sharon Edgar mentioned MDOT will be meeting with RTA to adjust their budget as their millage didn't pass. MDOT will be doing a redistribution of the funding to the formula at some point in the early spring.
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Benson provided Treasurer report. Member dues are coming in. Net income of \$64,633.67. Audit field work is completed.
Motion to approve report and pay bills: Drury
Supported by: Thompson
Motion carried: unanimous
- V. President's Report: Jimkoski reported not much occurred in the last month. Nothing of significance to report.
- VI. Executive Director's Report:

Drury reported attending the following since the November meeting:

- Planning meeting for the Rural Transit Manager's Workshop on December 2. The program is pretty much set. Sessions include the MDOT update, including sessions on Asset Management and Safety and Security, DBE, Coordination Plan Update, and Procurement. Other sessions will be legislative update/NEMT, RTF update, Human resources and Ask the Lawyer. Dates are March 29-30.
- Rural Task Force Board meeting on November 28 in Lansing. The issue in Clare County was discussed and the consensus of the group is as an appointed board the RTF Board couldn't overrule a vote by an elected body. The board will be sending a letter to Clare County re-stating the policy for the task force. Drury requested that MDOT also send a letter to Clare stating that the practice they followed in their local meeting is a violation of the Federal regulations. RTF Board will be looking at the bylaws for RTF's at the February meeting.

Drury also reported Jean Ruestman informed him that MDOT will pursue establishing a full size (Ford Transit) contract in 2017.

Drury distributed the Governor's Infrastructure Commission report. The only item about transit funding that made the report was additional funding sources need to be found.

Drury discussed the upcoming conference call with MDOT on the Transit Asset Management Rules. Sharon Edgar will update MASSTrans and MPTA on MDOT's plans. Drury's understanding from Sharon Edgar is MDOT is going to do a very general plan for a start.

After the Rural Transit Manager's Workshop next March, there will be another training workshop for Road Commissions and Transit Agencies. Drury committed that MASSTrans will share in the cost for the break refreshments. Costs will be shared between CRA, MML, MPTA and MASSTrans. Approximate cost will be \$100-\$125.

- VII. Lobbyist Report: McKinney reported legislature is on last 3 days of lame duck. Only controversial issue are the energy bills, and they may be pushed off into next session. All the discussion on retiree health care and pensions for public employees will be up for next session. The governor's infrastructure report was released and called for \$4 billion yearly in new investments. 19 Senators will be termed out in 2018. Gubernatorial politics have already started for 2018, so not sure how things will shake out. Speaker-elect Leonard wants to set up a work group to address the unfunded liability issues with the retirement shortfalls. Committee assignments are being worked on. McKinney offered help to members in assisting with legislative contacts. There will be another 18 months

to likely get issues moved before the 2018 elections. McKinney is working on setting up a meeting with MDOT, likely in late January.

VIII. Committee Reports

- A. Training Committee: Drury reported training committee will not meet in December. The preliminary costs for guest meals at Front Line was discussed. Session topics have been mostly agreed upon, next step is to line up presenters. Some discussion on Roadeo. Consensus is to hold State Roadeo in conjunction with CTAA National Roadeo. Kim Johnson gave John Drury assurance that costs for registration fees the Association had to pay to CTAA in excess of State Roadeo fee would be eligible for reimbursement at 80%.
Discussion on reaching out to local agency vendors to sponsor Front Line.
- IX. New Business: Roscommon County Transportation Authority has made application for membership. Motion to approve: Wilson
Supported by: Drury
Motion carried: unanimous
- X. Old Business: No old business
- XI. Exchange of Information: No discussion.
- XII. Adjournment/Next meeting: January 9, 2017 at CWTA.