



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

Monday February 13, 2017  
11:00 a.m  
Clinton Transit  
St. Johns, MI

- I. Call to Order – 11:00  
Present: Ken Jimkoski (Huron), Dawn Benson and Sue Gorby (Clinton), Lyn Knapp and Gary Rogers (Midland), Jill Drury (Charlevoix), Bill Purvis (Twin Cities), Carrie Thompson and Aaron Stahl (CWTA), Julee Dean (Crawford), Lynn Knapp (Midland), Bill Kennis (Benzie), Maureen Daugherty (Roscommon), Brian Neuville (Caro), Kevin McKinney and John Drury. Via phone: Theron Higgins (Thunder Bay), Jim Wilson (Blue Water), Onalee Pallas (Sanilac).
- II. Review of January 9, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes:  
Motion to approve: Kennis  
Supported by: Thompson  
Motion carried: unanimous
- III. Treasurer's Report: Benson reviewed Treasurer report which had been emailed to members. Input from report. New signature cards for Thompson and Drury.  
Motion to approve report and pay bills: Neuville  
Supported by: Drury  
Motion carried: unanimous
- IV. President's Report: Jimkoski reported meeting with MDOT along with Thompson and McKinney. They discussed 5311 option for using funds for capital, expanding 5310 for bus replacement. He felt it was a good first step and the meeting was somewhat productive. He felt that we should continue with regular quarterly meetings.
- V. Executive Director's Report: Drury attended the Rural Task Force Oversight board meeting on February 6. Tom Pirnstill and Heidi Wenzel (Clare and Ionia) presented what occurred to transit in their respective counties and task force meetings. The board discussed their issues and others in regards to revising the by laws. Language will be drafted which will state no eligible entity can have

funding eliminated or reduced. The local road members stated if one county tries to manipulate funding in the future the entire county's funds should be taken and distributed to the rest of their task force. MDOT staff met prior to the board meeting and concurred that they, not the task force board, had the authority for enforcement of the task forces. The board discussed this, and after a unanimous vote our name was changed to the Rural Task Force Policy Advisory Board.

On January 18 Drury participated in a conference call with Sharon Edgar, Kim Johnson, and Clark Harder to discuss MDOT's initial State of Good Repair targets for transit asset management.

Drury spoke with Kim Johnson on February 1 regarding bus replacements. She stated MDOT would likely be asking both associations for a support letter when submitting the next 5339 application. She'd expected a call for projects in January, but is unsure when it will happen. MDOT is going to consider funding some buses with 5310 funds for agencies that are at or above 50% senior/disabled ridership.

RTMW is set. Drury stated he was ill when the final meeting was held so didn't attend. He distributed the tentative agenda for those interested.

Drury was informed by Arenac Opportunities on February 7 that they wish to withdraw from the Association.

Darrel Harden, who was MDOT's RTF coordinator, is leaving to take another position in state government.

VI. Lobbyist Report: McKinney reported committees are set and Governor's budget is out. Legislators are starting hearings on phase out of income tax, which the Governor isn't in favor of. The House may pass some cut but the Senate may not go along. Transportation subcommittee meets tomorrow. Chairman Cole is doing an update of the infrastructure status tomorrow. Senate's Transportation Committee starts meeting February 28. Budget is planned on being done June 1. Targeting May 9 as the Legislative Meeting for the Association. Will start mid-morning with a briefing and then meeting with representatives and senators, followed by a legislative panel.

#### VII. Committee Reports

- A. Training Committee: Jill Drury stated she'd talked with Rich Sampson at CTAA about Roadeo location, but it's not been determined yet. She discussed some other housekeeping issues for roadeo. Training Committee will meet on February 23 at Midland.
- B. Legislative Committee: No updates.

- VIII. New Business: No new business
- IX. Old Business: No old business
- X. Exchange of Information: NEMT Update by Bill Kennis: Benzie turned to MTM (Medical Transportation Management) as they provided a better reimbursement rate than what they'd been receiving. He provided a copy of the contract. Discussion of change of date for MDOT application, and issues with the software requirements for PTMS.
- XI. Adjournment/Next meeting: Adjourned at 1:18 Next meeting March 13, 2017 at Cadillac..