



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

Monday November 13, 2017

11:00 p.m

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Jackson, MI

- I. Call to Order - 11:10am
Present: Ken Jimkoski (Huron), Carrie Thompson (Cadillac), Eric Sprague (Bay Metro), Ryan Novotny (Charlevoix/Ironton Ferry), Michael Brown (Jackson), Kevin McKinney
Via phone: Brian Neuville (Caro), Jill Drury (Charlevoix), Alex Little (Twin Cities), Aaron Stahl (Cadillac)
- II. Review of October 9, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes:
Motion to approve: Thompson
Supported by: Little Motion carried: unanimous
- III. Treasurer's Report: No Report - email will be sent this week with reports.
- IV. President's Report: Jimkoski Sat in on conference call for Training Committee. Administrative Committee working on Kevin's contract. Conference Call with Legislative Committee; working on language to set a new floor. Will need to discuss whether it's best to use 2017 or 2018 allocated numbers; Legislative Committee will make recommendation for the December meeting.
- V. Executive Director's Report: Drury reported attending the Rural Task Force Advisory Board meeting on November 2. He participated in the MDOT RTAP training meeting on October 25. Andy Brush shared the information that MDOT was required by the FTA to ensure Title VI LEP training is received by all transit agency employees. Drury advised we would hold a training at Front Line in 2018.
Drury also followed up with Cvent on an email Aaron Stahl had sent in October advising we would not renew the contract. He received email confirmation of our intent.
- VI. Lobbyist Report: McKinney - Would start in the Senate but also talk to Trison Cole. Booher, Casperson, Hanson and Schmidt in early January would be timing. Talked about whether or not amending Act 79 would constitute the opening of Act 51. Kinney suggests meeting with Senators Schmidt, Hanson, Casperson before discussing with MPTA. Also mentioned Senator Shirkey as a potential person to reach out to. McKinney reported that RTA will be going for millage in 2018 and they're still without an Executive Director but seems that they're getting that dealt with. Several questions for McKinney regarding the Auto No-Fault legislation that's been in the news. Stated there will be 19 open seats in 2018.
- VII. Committee Reports:

- A. Training Committee: Jill Drury gave an update. Met on November 9 via conference call. The committee felt that things went well with registration. They are looking at getting an app for the event next year that all participants can download. The app will have the schedule, session locations, speakers so it's easier for participants to follow. Discussion of Roadeo for next year and options for activities at Front Line.
- B. Legislative Committee: Met via conference call on November 9. Looked at the revenue split that has been discussed the past few months. John Drury indicates that he feels the split is too difficult for most to understand versus changing the floor which was established in 1997.
- C. Administrative Committee: Worked on McKinney's contract. Only change will be changing the requirement of holding four (4) meetings to at least two (2) meetings with the option of additional meetings as needed.

VIII. New Business:

- A. Thompson talked about a pilot project for Facility Asset Management. The pilot was a collaborative between Benzie Bus and CWTA. Thompson said the template took more time than anything but she's willing to share her report and assist others.
- B. Dues for Tribal Members: Drury received an email from Amanda Swiss of LTTB, who stated she was advised that none of her funds could be used for lobbying activity. He advised her he would request the board to exempt tribal member dues from lobbying activity.

Jill Drury made motion exempt tribal dues from lobbying activity.

Support: Little Motion carried: unanimous

C Brian discussed the establishment of new account with Chemical Bank. He indicated they will need the names of who's authorized on the signature cards, a copy of the by-laws. He indicated that the bank he's working with was open to having the signatory cards signed at our local branches instead of everyone coming to Caro. He will double check on that and let those involved know.

Motion by Thompson to authorize Nueville to establish an account for MASSTrans with Chemical Bank. Authorized signatures will be: Ken Jimkoski, Carrie Thompson, Brian Neuville, Jill Drury

Support: Jill Drury Motion carried: unanimous

- IX. Old Business: Kevin asked if any of the agency's board members have relationships with legislators? He stated it would be helpful to have others reaching out and having relationships with the legislators.

- X. Exchange of Information: Alex asked about either a golf outing or just reduced costs for golfing at Boyne Mountain. Jill indicated that the committee is still working with Boyne to reduce costs for golfing; stated vendors haven't been responsive to that so far to an outing but we do currently have a block of time set aside.

Sprague asked if anyone was having problems hiring drivers. Discussion regarding the difficulty in hiring was held.

Little asked if any of the agencies had MERS? Discussion held regarding pension benefits.

- XI. Adjournment/Next meeting: Adjourned at 12:15 pm. Next meeting December 11, at Bay Metro.