



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

Monday March 12, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Bay Metro

Bay City, MI

- I. Call to Order - 11:00  
Present: Ken Jimkoski (Huron), Carrie Thompson and Aaron Stahl (Cadillac), Lyn Knapp and Gary Rogers (County Connection), Brian Neuville, (Caro), Richard Hall (Sanilac), Eric Sprague (Bay Metro) and John Drury. Via phone:, Jill Drury (Charlevoix), Julee Dean (Crawford), and Kevin McKinney.
- II. Review of February 12, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes:  
Motion to approve: Thompson  
Supported by: Neuville  
Motion carried: unanimous
- III. Treasurer's Report: Neuville distributed the report. He's still working on organizing some of the Quickbooks accounts. He received a billing from Benson for Layton and Richardson in the amount of \$148. Neuville stated he's still having issues with Chemical Bank over payment for Executive Director. \$71,077 is our scheduled reimbursement for Front Line/Rodeo. Neuville will plan on sending the packet of expenses to Cindy at MPTA as the board is concerned about delayed reimbursement due to Sigma.  
Motion to approve report and pay bills: Knapp  
Supported by: Thompson  
Motion carried: unanimous
- IV. President's Report: Jimkoski reported testifying before the House Transportation Appropriations Committee on March 8. He said his report seemed to be well received by the chair, Rep. Hernandez. Jimkoski stated Ed Benning also gave a presentation that was very good. Clark Harder also attended along with Janet Geissler from MDOT. Harder also testified before the committee.
- V. Executive Director's Report: Drury reported meeting with Rep. Cole and Sen. Schmidt and discussed the proposal to amend the floor to either the percentage received in FY 2017 or 2018. He reported he's working with Emmet County on determining costs for potential start-up options for a public system. He participated in the Training Committee meetings in the past week. Drury discussed an email from Sharon Edgar regarding MDOT continuing the satisfaction surveys of transit riders. She would like to continue this effort, but do the condition assessment surveys every 3 years. Drury reported he was still thinking about attending CTAA this year but may just attend the Rodeo. He discussed his participation in

MDOT's Hall of Honor committee. Transit nominee from 2014 that did not get inducted was Mike Mobey. Drury also mentioned he suggested Mike Stoner as a possible candidate. Our legislative day is being scheduled for April 18 in Lansing. A reception is planned at Troppo Tuesday night (April 17) for legislators.

- VI. Lobbyist Report: McKinney discussed the Legislative Day schedule and events. Uncertain if committees will report their budgets out before break. Legislature is breaking a week early so they may wait until after break to get them out. McKinney has contacted Bill Hamilton to see if he's working on the fiscal analysis. Thompson wondered if we could adjust the legislative day schedule to see if the advocacy presentation could occur before meeting with legislators. McKinney offered for this year to hold a conference call the week prior to go over what to discuss and how to approach legislators. Governor's budget for local bus operating is proposed at \$189,250,000; transit capital increased by \$5.5 million for Fy 2019. \$2 million match for non-urban federal grants.
- VII. Committee Reports
  - A. Training Committee: Thompson gave report. Committee met on March 8 via conference call. Met before the board meeting today and discussed sessions and schedule that Jill Drury put together. Save the dates went out at the end of February. Committee is on schedule for Front Line. Roadeo will be on Wednesday, and the intensive sessions will start on Thursday. Next training committee meeting will be April 6. Thompson asked about Roadeo and volunteered to order the trophies this year.
- VIII. Exchange of Information: Thompson stated she launched her volunteer driver program with 6 drivers. They've done about 50 trips with over 9,000 miles. Funding they're using is New Freedom. They reimburse at .50 per mile and half comes from the grant and half from local contribution. Partners are Missaukee and Wexford COA and Veteran's Department. They need a few more volunteer drivers before they advertise the program. A local dealership is inspecting volunteer drivers' cars. They require full insurance coverage but CWTA provides a supplemental medical and liability insurance. They are offering a private pay option as well.
- IX. Old Business: No old business.
- X. New Business: No new business.
- XI. Adjournment/Next meeting: Adjourned at 1:01 pm. Next meeting April 9 at CWTA.