



**MASS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 31, 2023 BOARD MEETING**

PRESENT: Luke Zelle, Chair, Scott Grossmeyer, Charles Winfrey, Tommie Johnson, Sharon Reeves, Ellen Ellenburg, Glenn Wilson (8:16 am)

ABSENT: Joseph King

STAFF: Ed Benning, Jacqueline Saxton, Ken Vavra, Corwin Matthews, Colette Champine, Shawnice Dorsey, Rod Evans, Adam Stohlman, Paul Mattern, Traci Davis, Melinda Johnson, Patrick Tesler, Ed Burger, Christopher Bell

GUEST: Michael Joliat, Attorney

Chairman Zelle called the meeting to order at 8:06 AM.

Comments of the Public

None

Ed Benning announced the passing of MTA employee, Darren Raymond, who was a very dedicated member of the IT staff. Mr. Benning also introduced and welcomed two new staff members, Melinda Johnson, Grants Administrator, and Chris Bell, Accounting Clerk.

Executive Session - Attorney Michael Joliat

Attorney Joliat requested that the board meet in closed session to discuss case #22-117115-NF. Attorney Joliat stated that this case is pending litigation and discussing the case publicly may affect MTA's ability to settle the case.

Scott Grossmeyer made a motion, supported by Ellen Ellenburg, to move into Executive Session for the purpose stated by Attorney Joliat.

Roll Call Vote:

Luke Zelle, Scott Grossmeyer, Charles Winfrey, Tommie Johnson, Ellen Ellenburg and Sharon Reeves voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Regular session suspended: 8:08 A.M.

Scott Grossmeyer made a motion, supported by Ellen Ellenburg, to leave the Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session reconvened at 8:23 A.M.

Attorney Joliat asked the board to approve the recommendation for case #22-117115-NF as presented and discussed in closed session. Scott Grossmeyer made a motion, supported by Ellen Ellenburg, to approve the recommendations made by Attorney Joliat. Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of the June 22, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Scott Grossmeyer moved, supported by Charles Winfrey, to approve the June 22, 2023 regular board meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

Scott Grossmeyer stated that Resolutions #23-49 through #23-54 were discussed in the finance committee meeting and moved all for approval, Charles Winfrey supported the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

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Resolution #23-49 authorizing the General Manager to enter into a one-year Product Supply Agreement with Hyzon Motors of Troy, MI for the sale of hydrogen fuel to Hyzon Motors.

Resolution #23-50 authorizing the General Manager to enter into a one-year Product Supply Agreement with One H2 of Longview, NC for the sale of hydrogen to One H2.

Resolution #23-51 authorizing the General Manager to enter into a contract with Kajeet, Inc. of McLean, VA to purchase and install 74 cellular wireless routers in MTA fixed routes and regional buses for utilization with the new fare system program, in an amount not to exceed \$196,924.52.

Resolution #23-52 authorizing the General Manager to utilize the MiDEAL State of Michigan Extended Purchasing Program to purchase 14 LPG Powered Ford Transit Vans and selected options from Hoekstra Transportation, for an amount not to exceed \$1,369,519.00.

Resolution #23-53 authorizing the General Manager to amend the current 3-year agreement with Optibus, Inc., to purchase the Operations Module for the Mass Transportation Authority Fixed Routes Services, in an amount not to exceed \$110,925.00.

Resolution #23-54 authorizing the General Manager to utilize the State of Georgia Purchasing and Marketplace Program to purchase 3 LPG Powered Lift-Equipped Hometown 35' Villager Trolleys from Hometown Manufacturing, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$1,024,042.29.

Resolution #23-55 authorizing the General Manager to execute the Mass Transportation Authority Equal Employment Opportunity Plan in accordance with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Circular 4704.1, Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Requirements and Guidelines for FTA Recipients.

Ed Benning stated this is an update to the current plan which is a requirement of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and allows for the MTA to update its workforce goals annually.

Ellen Ellenburg made a motion, supported by Charles Winfrey, to approve Resolution #23-55. Motion approved unanimously.

Third Quarter Reports

Ed Benning reviewed the third quarter reports with board members.

General Managers Report

Ed Benning reported on attending the MPTA Annual Conference and meeting the new director of MDOT, Brad Wieferrich. Mr. Benning also updated the board on MTA's hydrogen expansion efforts, bringing in more trolleys for microtransit, and how well microtransit services are working in the Fenton area.

Comments of Board Members

Glenn Wilson thanked the MTA for including the Swayze Court Apartments in the shopper bus route.

Luke Zelle recognized and thanked the MTA team who participated in the Teen Summer Camp last month.

Sharon Reeves thanked the MTA for their involvement in the UAW Region 1D Women's Council Annual Luncheon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 A.M.

