



**MASS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 2024 BOARD MEETING**

PRESENT: Luke Zelle, Scott Grossmeyer, Charles Winfrey, Scott Bennett, Joseph King, Sharon Reeves

ABSENT: Ellen Ellenberg, Glenn Wilson, Tommie Johnson

STAFF: Ed Benning, Jacqueline Saxton, Michael Foerster, Ken Vavra, Rod Evans, Corwin Mathews, Karl Petrich, Colette Champine, Ed Burger, Traci Davis, Patrick Tesler, Paul Mattern, Shawnice Dorsey

Chairperson Zelle called the board meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

Comments of the Public

None

Scott Grossmeyer stated items 2 through 5, along with Resolution #24-18, were discussed at the finance committee meeting and he moved all five items, supported by Joseph King.

Approval of the January 25, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Charles Winfrey made a motion, supported by Scott Grossmeyer, to approve the January 25, 2024 board meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #24-14 authorizing the General Manager to enter into a one-year Product Supply Agreement with AVL Mobility Technologies, Inc., Plymouth, MI for the sale of hydrogen (H2) to AVL Mobility Technologies.

Ed Benning stated that we have been selling hydrogen to area businesses, this agreement can be fulfilled given our current capacity.

Resolution #24-15 authorizes the General Manager to take the necessary action to have the Mass Transportation Authority millage renewal proposal submitted to the electorate of Genesee County.

Ed Benning stated that the MTA millage renewal will be in August of this year and this proposal is for a five-year renewal. We are preparing community awareness campaigns to update the public on the services that we provide.

Resolution #24-16 authorizing the General Manager to utilize the MiDEAL State of Michigan Extended Purchasing Program to enter into a five-year agreement with Xerox Corporation for the lease of 39 multi-function copiers at a cost of \$203,322.00.

Ed Benning stated that this is a five-year agreement for the lease of 39 multifunction copiers which includes parts, maintenance, and toner supplies.

Resolution #24-17 authorizing the General Manager to enter into a one-year agreement with Alma Tire Service for the fourth and final one-year renewal option of the existing contract for the

Ed Benning stated that Alma Tire used to be Jerry's Tire, who we had been with for a long time. This is the fourth and final one-year renewal option and comes with a 4% reduction in cost.

Resolution #24-18 authorizing the General Manager to amend the cost and scope of work of the current five-year agreement with Plante Moran to provide financial and compliance services, at a total cost not to exceed \$365,275.00.

Ed Benning stated that this amendment came as a result of our audit. We are changing our financial software to a new ERP system, and this amendment will allow Plante Moran to assist with the restructuring of the chart of accounts.

Motion passed unanimously.

FY 2024 Quarterly Reports

Ed Benning reviewed the reports with board members, noting that Budget Variance report is through the end of December 2023, and shows the MTA in a positive position. Ridership shows increases on some routes, but we continue to struggle on others. Currently there is an ongoing fixed routes study which will help assist us with adjusting the routes where necessary.

General Managers Report

Ed Benning updated the board on grant opportunities for buses and infrastructure improvements which the MTA will apply for and he shared the latest changes to the requirements by the FTA when applying for these grants. Mr. Benning discussed the use of smaller buses, micro-transit, and gave an update on regionalization of Lapeer, Shiawassee, and Genesee counties. Mr. Benning mentioned that in order to be more efficient and effective we are merging some services. Your Ride and Rides to Wellness services will now be under one umbrella. There was some mention made that we were doing away with Your Ride and that is not true; we will continue to provide Your Ride services now and in the future. Currently there are some trips being denied in Your Ride and we have the capacity to provide those trips in Rides to Wellness. In merging the two services we have created a way to better utilize our vehicles, staff, and employees to better serve our community.

Comments of the Board

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 A.M.

