



**MASS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 25, 2024 BOARD MEETING**

PRESENT: Luke Zelle, Scott Grossmeyer, Charles Winfrey, Ellen Ellenberg, Scott Bennett, Joseph King, Glenn Wilson, Tommie Johnson, Sharon Reeves (8:17am)

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: JaQuaya Buford, Ella Nikitin, Lisa Green-Blades, Corey Rowe

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

Chairperson Zelle called the board meeting to order at 8:02 A.M.

Comments of the Public

Ella Nikitin thanked the board and Paul Mattern for assisting with regional transportation between Brighton and Flint.

Corey Rowe stated he is currently working with the MTA Planning Department as a regional rider beta-tester, and he has some suggestions for how to improve service in that area.

Lisa Green-Blades stated her appreciation for the MTA, her reasons for resigning from the Local Advisory Committee, and she shared her concerns regarding the current dialysis service program.

Approval of the November 30, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Scott Grossmeyer made a motion, supported by Ellen Ellenberg, to approve the November 30, 2023 board meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Scott Grossmeyer made a motion to move action items 2 through 5 for approval allowing for discussion of each item before final approval, Ellen Ellenberg seconded the motion.

Resolution #24-10 authorizing the approval of the Intent to Apply for State Formula Operating Assistance for fiscal year 2023 under Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended.

Ed Benning stated that this is an annual requirement of the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Resolution #24-11 authorizing the General Manager to execute the Mass Transportation Authority Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program and Goals for FY 2024-2027.

Ed Benning stated that we are required by the Federal Transit Administration to develop a program for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and adhere to the goals set forth in the plan. The MTA also conducts training for local businesses to assist with certification requirements and attends various DBE related programs throughout the year.

Resolution #24-12 authorizing the General Manager to amend the cost of the current five-year agreement with Plante Moran to provide financial and compliance services at a total cost not to exceed \$339,700.00.

Ed Benning stated that this is an amendment to the current agreement to include additional new financial requirements.

Resolution #24-13 authorizing the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Maner Costerisan (Lansing, MI) to provide a new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software solution for the Finance, Purchasing, and Inventory Departments, at a not to exceed cost of \$112,592.00 for the first year.

Ed Benning stated that MTA financial and purchasing software is outdated and is being phased out. This agreement will replace our current software with a more integrated, up to date software system.

Motion for approval of action items 2 through 5 approved unanimously.

FY 2023 Quarterly Reports

Ed Benning reviewed the reports with board members, noting that the ridership report is incorrect and is being revised by the planning department.

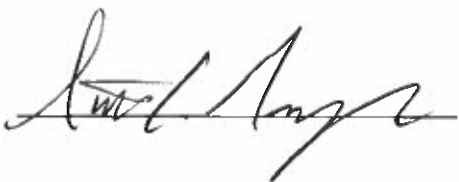
General Managers Report

Ed Benning updated the board on the continuing resolution in Washington, funding for public transit, the Governor's State of the State address, creating service hubs and the MTA's work on providing regional service in partnership with Shiawassee and Lapeer counties. Mr. Benning made the board aware of meetings that were held with St. Luke New Life Center and discussions that are underway regarding transportation for the Memorial Cup in Saginaw.

Comments of the Board

Tommie Johnson thanked Ed Benning and the team for working with community partners in providing transportation where needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 A.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Benning", is written over a horizontal line.