



**MASS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 18, 2022, BOARD MEETING**

- PRESENT:** Luke Zelle, Vice Chair, Scott Grossmeyer, Lisa Anderson, Tommie Johnson, Charles Winfrey, Joseph King
- ABSENT:** Bryant Nolden, Glenn Wilson, Quincy Murphy
- STAFF:** Ed Benning, Jacqueline Saxton, Ken Vavra, Colette Champine, Corwin Matthews, Ed Burger, Harmony Lloyd, Patrick Tesler, Karl Petrich, Rod Evans, Traci Davis, Shawnice Dorsey
- GUEST:** Barry Wolf, Attorney

Chairman Zelle called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM

Comments of the Public

None

Attorney Barry Wolf

Attorney Barry Wolf requested that the board meet in closed session to discuss cases #20-11444-NI and #20-115056-NI. Attorney Wolf stated that these cases are pending litigation and to discuss them publicly may affect MTA's ability to settle the cases.

Charles Winfrey moved, supported by Joseph King, to move into Executive Session for the purpose as stated by Attorney Wolf.

Roll Call Vote:

Luke Zelle, Scott Grossmeyer, Charles Winfrey, Joseph King, Tommie Johnson, Lisa Anderson voted the affirmative. Motion carried.

Regular session suspended: 8:07 A.M.

Charles Winfrey moved, supported by Glenn Wilson, to go out of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

Regular session reconvened at 8:41 A.M.

Attorney Wolf asked the board to approve the recommendation for cases #20-11444-NI as #20-115056-NI, as presented in closed session.

Scott Grossmeyer moved, supported by Charles Winfrey, to approve the recommendation made by Attorney Wolf. Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of the June 23, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Scott Grossmeyer moved, supported by Charles Winfrey, to approve the June 23, 2022, regular board meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

Resolution #22-42 authorizing the General Manager to execute the transfer of four vehicles to Saginaw Transit Authority & Regional Services (STARS), Saginaw, MI in accordance with the guidance in FTA Circular 5010.1.E, Chapter IV, page 43, Transfer of Rolling Stock – Recipient to Recipient.

Scott Grossmeyer moved, supported by Charles Winfrey, to approve Resolution #22-42. Motion approved unanimously.

Resolution #22-43 authorizing the General Manager to renew the five-year lease agreement with Grand Trunk & Western Railroad Company from September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2027, for the platform easement intended for passengers boarding and disembarking at the MTA Intermodal Center located at 1407 S. Dort Highway, Flint, for a total payment of \$20,000.00 for the entire 5-year term.

Charles Winfrey moved, supported by Scott Grossmeyer, to approve Resolution #22-43.

Ed Benning stated that although the MTA owns the property leased by Amtrak, it does not own the platform at the station; the platform is owned by Grand Trunk. This agreement is for the lease of the platform at a cost of \$20,000 for the five-year period.

Motion approved unanimously.

Resolution #22-44 authorizing the General Manager to modify an agreement with Genfare, Elk Grove Village, IL, for the purchase of farebox equipment, software licenses, and services for a new fare collection system, at a not to exceed cost of \$2,807,349.51.

Charles Winfrey moved, supported by Tommie Johnson, to approve Resolution #22-44.

Corwin Matthews stated that in this modification to the original agreement, fare collection equipment and licenses will be added to include Your Ride and Rides to Wellness. The total cost includes the entire fare collection system program for all services.

Motion approved unanimously.

Resolution #22-45 authorizing the General Manager to enter into a one-year firm fixed price agreement with Foster Blue Water Oil Company, Richmond, MI for the purchase of Bulk Automotive Fluids, in the amount of \$713,394.69 based on estimated annual usage.

Scott Grossmeyer moved, supported by Charles Winfrey, to approve Resolution #22-45. Motion approved unanimously.

General Managers Report

Ed Benning reported on plans to move forward with hydrogen buses and expanding the station in Grand Blanc, building a regional transportation service with other adjoining counties, comingling services, and providing service by size. A study will be conducted to review the service levels needed within the community.

Ed Benning introduced the new Deputy CFO, Colette Champine. Ed Benning stated that the MTA has been promoting employees from within the organization, and there will be more changes in staffing as we move forward.

Ed Benning stated that Harmony Lloyd will be leaving the MTA to take a position with the RTA; Ed and members of the board wished Harmony well and thanked her for her great work at the MTA.

Comments of Board Members

None

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 A.M.

