



**MASS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 23, 2023 BOARD MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Luke Zelle, Chair, Glenn Wilson, Scott Grossmeyer, Charles Winfrey, Joseph King, Tommie Johnson, Ellen Ellenburg, Sharon Reeves, Lisa R. Anderson

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF:** Ed Benning, Jacqueline Saxton, Ken Vavra, Corwin Matthews, Ed Burger, Colette Champine, Shawnice Dorsey, Rod Evans, Patrick Tesler, Karl Petrich, Traci Davis, Mike Forester,

**GUESTS:** Pamela Hill, CPA Partner & Chris Gilbert, CPA Manager, Plante & Moran, PLLC

Chairman Zelle called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM, introducing and welcoming two new board members Ellen Ellenburg and Sharon Reeves to the MTA.

**Comments of the Public**

None

**Approval of the January 26, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

Charles Winfrey moved, supported by Scott Grossmeyer, to approve the January 26, 2023 regular board meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

**Resolution #23-26 resolution by the MTA Board of Directors to accept the Fiscal Year 2022 Audit as presented by Plante & Moran, PLLC.**

Pamela Hill stated that the audit went very well this year, they appreciated the professionalism of the MTA staff, Ken Vavra and Colette Champine. Ms. Hill began the presentation by summarizing the End of Audit letter, reviewing the deliverables of the audit presentation, which includes the financial statement audit, single audit, and financial highlights. Chris Gilbert presented slides on working capital, unrestricted net position, and increasing assets.

Scott Grossmeyer moved, supported by Charles Winfrey, to approve Resolution #23-26. Motion approved unanimously.

Scott Grossmeyer moved, supported by Charles Winfrey, Items 3 through 6 / Resolutions #23-27 - #23-30, and Items 8 – 13 / Resolutions #23-32 - #23-37, as discussed and recommended for approval by the Finance Committee. Motion approved unanimously.

**Resolution #23-27 authorizing the General Manager to reinstate the Regular Fare Structure for Sunday transportation services, effective April 1, 2023.**

Ed Benning stated that changes were made to reduce the regular Sunday fare during the pandemic. Approval of this resolution will return Sunday fares back to the original fare amount. The effective date of this change has been changed to May 1, 2023 to allow time to notify the public.

**Resolution #23-28 authorizing the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Newton Crane Roofing, Inc. Pontiac, MI to install a new roof for Building #2 (Rides to Wellness Facility) at the MTA Center for Transportation Technology at a total not to exceed price of \$280,500.00 and a 10% contingency allowance not to exceed amount of \$28,050.00.**

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**Resolution #23-29 authorizing the General Manager to enter into a one-year agreement with George's Towing, Flint, MI for the second, one-year renewal option of the existing contract to provide Heavy Vehicle Towing and Roadside Services, in an amount not to exceed \$139,000.00.**

**Resolution #23-30 authorizing the General Manager to enter into a one-year agreement with Jerry's Tire, Flint, MI for the third one-year renewal option of the existing contract for the Purchase of Transit Tires, in an amount not to exceed \$162,736.60.**

**Resolution #23-31 recognizing Mr. Rudy Collins (posthumously) for his many years of faithful, dedicated service to the Mass Transportation Authority and to express the MTA's deep gratitude, respect, and affection.**

Charles Winfrey moved, supported by Glenn Wilson, to approve Resolution #23-31 recognizing Mr. Collins.

Ed Benning stated that Rudy Collins was head of personnel for the Flint Board of Education for a number of years, and he served on the MTA board in several capacities throughout his many years of service. A memorial service will be held on Saturday to honor Mr. Collins.

Motion approved unanimously.

**Resolution #23-32 authorizing the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Sonitrol Great Lakes, Grand Blanc, MI for the purchase and installation of safety and security systems, at a not to exceed amount of \$77,519.98.**

**Resolution #23-33 authorizing the General Manager to amend the current agreement with Moovit to renew 158 TimePro licenses for the MTA Regional, Primary, and Peak services, at a not to exceed amount of \$153,600.00.**

**Resolution #23-34 authorizing the General Manager to utilize MiDEAL, the State of Michigan Extended Purchasing Program, to purchase two Electric Powered Ford Transit Lift Equipped Vans and selected options from Hoekstra Transportation, for an amount not to exceed \$237,784.00.**

**Resolution #23-35 authorizing the General Manager to enter into a one-year Product Supply Agreement with FEV North America, Inc. of Auburn Hills, MI for the sale of hydrogen and compressed natural gas (CNG) to FEV North America.**

**Resolution #23-36 authorizing the General Manager to enter into an agreement with LaFontaine Automotive Group, China Township, MI to purchase three 2023 Chevrolet Bolt EUV's (Electric Utility Vehicles) with optional equipment, at a total not to exceed delivered price of \$88,440.00.**

**Resolution #23-37 authorizing the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Messer North America, Inc., Bridgewater, NJ for Design Build Services of the MTA Hydrogen Fueling Station Expansion Project, at a total not to exceed cost of \$4,486,764.00 for the completion of full engineering design stamped drawings and equipment ordering.**

**General Managers Report**

Ed Benning reported that he recently returned from Washington where he met with Nuria Fernandez, Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration, and staff members to discuss the MTA's current grant request, the expansion of the Grand Blanc hydrogen station and the partnership with Kettering University to provide hydrogen training to the workforce. Mr. Benning stated future projects include developing various internships, meeting with local legislators at the Grand Blanc Alternative Fueling Facility, and the working to bring autonomous vehicles to the MTA.

**Comments of Board Members**

Glenn Wilson asked about the status of a "How Are We Doing" App or QR Code on MTA buses. Mr. Wilson also asked about the Moovit app, and why it wasn't active in certain areas.

Rod Evans responded that IT is working on the "How Are We Doing" app, and it is in process and that the Moovit app is not on the older buses which may be on the road to replace a newer bus that taken out of service due to a maintenance issue.

Tommie Johnson asked about sensitivity training for drivers.

Ed Benning replied that all MTA drivers receive sensitivity training upon hiring, some through the PASS Program. Mr. Benning stated that the MTA currently has a career and performance coach on site working with management employees; he will soon move to assist with the workforce through a TQC type program.

Ed Benning invited board members and their guests to attend the MTA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala event in May 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 A.M.

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