



**MASS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 30, 2023 BOARD MEETING**

PRESENT: Luke Zelle, Scott Grossmeyer, Charles Winfrey, Scott Bennett, Sharon Reeves, Glenn Wilson, Tommie Johnson (8:15 AM)

ABSENT: Joseph King, Ellen Ellenburg

GUESTS: Regina Richard, JaQuaya Buford, Ella Nikitin

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

Chairman Zelle called the board meeting to order at 8:01 A.M., stating there is one additional item to add to the agenda, Resolution #24-09. Glenn Wilson moved, supported by Scott Grossmeyer, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion approved unanimously.

Comments of the Public

Ella Nikitin expressed concerns regarding connecting transportation in Brighton to the MTA service to come into Flint where she works and the lack of an available bus stop in her area.

Scott Grossmeyer suggested that Ms. Nikitin go to the city council meeting in the Brighton area to ask for their assistance with this matter.

Approval of the October 26, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Scott Grossmeyer made a motion, supported by Charles Winfrey, to approve the October 26, 2023 board meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Glenn Wilson made a motion to move all four action items (#24-06, 24-07, 24-08 and 24-09) for approval allowing for discussion of each item before final approval, Scott Grossmeyer seconded the motion.

Resolution #24-06 authorizing the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Expert Lighting Consultants, LLC, for the purchase and installation of LED lighting upgrades throughout the MTA Operations Facility located at 1403 S. Dort Highway at a total not to exceed price of \$332,725.00 and a 5% contingency allowance, in an amount not to exceed \$16,636.00.

Ed Benning stated that this agreement includes a 10-year warranty and will outfit the maintenance building, MTA parking lot and the operations building with new or replacement LED lighting.

Resolution #24-07 authorizing the General Manager to exercise the second option and enter into an agreement to renew the MTA's existing contract with Health Alliance Plan (HAP), Detroit, MI for Healthcare Benefits for a one-year period with a contract date beginning January 1, 2024.

Ed Benning stated that in November 2012 the MTA board of directors approved a one-year agreement with HAP for employee health care benefits, which included a renewal option for four additional one-year periods. This agreement is for the renewal of the second option, with a 4.98% increase in benefit costs.

Resolution #24-08 authorizing the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Planning Communities, LLC (Raleigh, NC) to prepare a Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Rollout Plan, at a not to exceed cost of \$145,950.00.

Corwin Matthews stated that under the recent Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law the FTA requires transit agencies to prepare and adopt a Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan as part of the Low/No and Bus and Bus Facilities programs. With this agreement, preparation of this plan will meet that request.

Resolution #24-09 authorizing the General Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Central Michigan Emergency Network to install communication equipment on the MTA Tower located at 1403 S. Dort Highway, that would meet the request of the Genesee County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

Ed Benning stated that this memorandum of understanding will allow for the addition of satellites to the current tower which will increase the communication capacity within the community for various technological usage and for use in times of emergency situations.

Motion for approval of action items two through five was approved unanimously.

Hydrogen Presentation

Shawnice Dorsey, MTA Director of Training, Michael Foerster, COO Maintenance, Facilities and GBAFF, and Corwin Matthews, COO of Purchasing presented The Road to Hydrogen which introduced how the program started, various partnerships along the way, the master plan for the Grand Blanc Alternative Fuel Facility (GBAFF), and the future of training at the facility.

General Managers Report

In addition to his report, Ed Benning updated the board on his recent lunch with MTA IT staff, the Rides to Wellness canopy project, and the progress of state funding.

Ed Benning mentioned that there will not be a board meeting in December, he wished board members a happy and safe holiday season, saying that he appreciates all that they do for public transportation.

Luke Zelle congratulated Ed Benning for receiving the Bryant “BB” Nolden Award and the MTA for receiving the Business Impact Award at the Flint and Genesee Chamber Art of Achievement awards ceremony. Luke also mentioned attending the United Way/MTA bus pass event* held here at the MTA saying it is a great program. (*Emergency Bus Pass Program)

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.