



**MASS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2025
BOARD MEETING**

PRESENT: Luke Zelle, Scott Bennett, Nate Henry, Charles Winfrey, Candace Mushatt, Sharon Reeves, Tommie Johnson (8 20AM)

ABSENT: Glenn Wilson

STAFF: Ed Benning, Jacqueline Saxton, Ken Vavra, Tim Ashley, Corwin Mathews, Karl Petrich, Johnson, Ed Burger, Traci Davis, Patrick Tesler, Rod Evans, Dennis McDonagh, Shawnice Dorsey, Marie Stewart, Michael Foerster, Michele Loper

GUESTS: None

Chairperson Zelle called the meeting to order at 8:03 A.M.

Comments of the Public – None

Approval of the November 21, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Scott Bennett made a motion to approve the November 21, 2024 meeting minutes, Sharon Reeves seconded the motion; motion approved unanimously.

Charles Winfrey made a motion to move agenda items two, three, and five through seven, Scott Bennett supported the motion.

Resolution #25-09 authorizing the approval of the Intent to Apply for State Formula Operating Assistance for fiscal year 2026 under Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended.

Ed Benning stated that this is an annual requirement from the state of Michigan.

Resolution #25-10 authorizing the General Manager to enter into a one-year Product Supply Agreement with Detroit Diesel Corp., Detroit MI for the sale of hydrogen fuel to Detroit Diesel Corp.

Ed Benning stated that this is a one-year agreement to sell hydrogen fuel to Detroit Diesel Corp.

Resolution #25-11 authorizing the General Manager to exercise an option and enter into an agreement with The Disability Network for ADA Paratransit Eligibility Assessment Services to assist with the Americans with Disabilities Act eligibility process for a period of one year at a price amount of \$30,000.00, based on an estimate of 40 applications per month.

Ed Benning stated that this is an option to renew the current agreement with The Disability Network who assists the MTA with the ADA eligibility process.

Charles Winfrey moved, supported by Scott Bennett to approve Resolution #25-11. Charles Winfrey, Scott Bennett, Sharon Reeves, Nate Henry, and Candace Mushatt voted in the affirmative; Luke Zelle abstained. Motion passed.

Resolution #25-12 authorizing the General Manager to renew a five-year agreement with The ASU Group to provide the Mass Transportation Authority self-insured Third Party Administration Services for automobile claims in an amount not to exceed an estimated \$170,000.00 during the five-year period.

Ed Benning stated that this is a renewal of the five-year agreement the MTA has with ASU Group. Mr. Benning stated that ASU has been the third-party administrator for the MTA for several years and has done an outstanding job during that time.

Resolution #25-13 authorizing the General Manager to amend the current 5-year contract with Fishbeck, Inc to provide environmental due diligence services, along with the preparation of a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) study, for the possible purchase of the Genesee County Administration Building site located at 1101 Beach Street in Downtown Flint, in an amount not to exceed \$101,800.00.

Ed Benning stated that the MTA is currently in talks with Genesee County regarding the sale of property to the MTA. This sale comes with the need for a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Study to determine if there are any environmental issues at the site before moving forward.

Resolution #25-14 authorizing the General Manager to amend the three-year agreement with Windstream Communications, Inc., to provide phone and internet communication systems for all MTA locations at an estimated total contract cost of \$684,773.04.

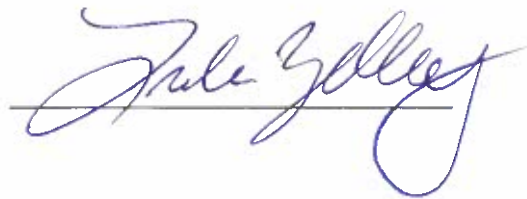
Rod Evans stated that because the MTA has recently experienced growth in network internet access it has become necessary to upgrade communication circuits to increase our bandwidth capacity.

Motion on Resolutions 25-09, 25-10, 25-12 through 25-14, approved unanimously.

General Managers Report

Ed Benning reported on operating funds from the state, ACT's 55 and 51, and that he has requested assistance from the Governors office with regard to the MachH2 hydrogen project funding. Mr. Benning also reported on the need for partnerships, both local and private, and he provided updates on MTA trolley service and microtransit services.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 A.M.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julie Zolger", is written over a horizontal line.