

Beaver Island Transportation Authority
Approved Meeting Minutes
Nov 8, 2016
12:00 pm

In Attendance:

BITA: Bob Tidmore, Ed Troutman, Larry Hansz, Steve West, Mark Englesman

BIBCO call in: Margo Marks, Tim McQueer

Others: Mary Cook, Joe Moore, Paul Welke, Angel Welke

Quorum was determined and meeting called to order by Tidmore at 12:00 pm.

October 11, 2016 annual meeting minutes were approved. Motion by Hansz, seconded by Englesman. Motion carried.

October 11, 2016 regular meeting minutes were approved. Motion by Hansz, seconded by West. Motion carried.

Additions to Agenda: Memorandum of Understanding between BIBCO and St James Twp for oil boom.

Treasurer's Report: Cook reviewed financial reports.

Director's Report: Audit materials have been sent out to auditor and quarterly reports filed with MDOT. Vessel has had radar and generator warranty work completed. Generator work will be completed during the winter.

Memorandum of Understanding/Oil Boom: Allow use of oil boom for any oil spill considered threatening Beaver Island.

Motion by Troutman to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Beaver Island Boat Company and St. James Twp, seconded by West. Motion carried.

Additional Ferry Run Dec 23: Discussion if ferry could run the 23rd. Bridge work starts the 22nd and could be inoperable. Hansz asked if when making out the ferry schedule if the school schedule could be looked at.

Historical Passenger Volume Data: Tidmore presented materials comparing historical ridership data, inflation, and fare cost. Discussion took place regarding marketing, dynamics of the island changing as a whole, disposable income, lifestyle changes, and tourism. Angel Welke of Island Airways stated they transport 25,000 to 30,000 passengers a year and Fresh Air Aviation transports 10,000 on average. Welke feels on island transportation and lodging for tourists needs improvement.

Fares: This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Correspondence: none

Other Pertinent Business: none

Public Comment: Angel Welke wanted to make everyone aware if anyone has questions to contact her.

Executive Director Review:

Motion by Troutman to go into closed session for the evaluation of the executive director at 12:55pm, seconded by Tidmore. Roll Call: Tidmore – yes, Troutman – yes, Hansz – yes, West – yes, Englesman – yes. Motion carried.

Board came out of closed session at 1:08pm.

Motion by Troutman to increase Cook's salary by 5% effective as of Nov 1st, 2016, seconded by Englesman. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Englesman at 1:13pm, seconded by Troutman. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Cook
Executive Director