

Beaver Island Transportation Authority
Approved Meeting Minutes
Sept 12, 2017
12:00 pm

In Attendance:

BITA: Steve West, Mark Englesman, Larry Hansz

BIBCO: Bill McDonough

BIBCO call in: Margo Marks

Others: Mary Cook, Elain West

Quorum was determined and meeting called to order by Hansz at 12:03 pm.

Aug 8, 2017 regular meeting minutes approved. Motion by Hansz, seconded by Englesman. Motion carried.

Additions to Agenda: None

Treasurer's Report: Cook reviewed financial reports for August 2017. Cutaway has been ordered and could take six months for delivery. Cook has sent notice to the state requesting budget adjustments for active grants and an extension for the grant expiring this year. Next month BITA will look at current year budget adjustment for operations.

Director's Report: Cook is working with the state to finalize the document to seek a naval engineer for vessel renovations. Foam fenders and a confined space breathing apparatus are being looked into. Cook will be attending the Great Lakes Initiative September 25th and 26th.

Marks briefed the board that there are three options for a CAT certified turbo and the one that arrives first will be installed on the Emerald Isle. A new one will not ship until October 20th. One that needs reconditioning is being held up in customs and the other waiting for parts to be rebuilt. A date can't be determined as when the vessel will be back in service. The engines are twenty years old and parts are not always readily available.

BIBCO has put on additional trips with the Beaver Islander to compensate for the Emerald Isle being down. BIBCO has updates on their website, Facebook page, WVBI, and customers are being contacted.

Contingency Plan: McDonough reported another ferry system would be contacted should both the Beaver Islander and the Emerald Isle not be in service.

Correspondence: Two e-mails were received from Kirk McBride. The second e-mail stating to disregard the first.

Motion by West to commend the BIBCO crew and its employees for dealing with a difficult situation in a professional manner in the continuation of an essential ferry service, seconded by Hansz. Motion carried.

Other Business: None

Motion to adjourn by West at 12:40pm, seconded by Hansz. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Cook
Executive Director