

Beaver Island Transportation Authority
Approved Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2020
12:00 pm

In Attendance:

BITA: Mary Cook

BITA call in: Larry Hansz, Bob Tidmore, Mark Engelsman

BIBCO: Bill McDonough

BIBCO call in: Tim McQueer

Others call in: Kitty McNamara, John Fiegen, Kevin Boyle, Joe Moore, Tim and Lou O'Connor, Bob and Elana Anderson, Paul Neihaus

Quorum was determined, and meeting called to order by Tidmore at 12:07 pm

Procedures for teleconference due to COVID-19:

Per the State of Michigan Executive Order 2020-15 meeting may be held electronically by teleconference in response to COVID-19. The Beaver Island Transportation Authority is following the Michigan Township Association Guidelines for Conducting Meetings under Executive Order 2020-15 and the Open Meetings Act dated March 19, 2020.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of regular meeting March 10, 2020 approved by Engelsman. Seconded by: Hansz. Roll call: Tidmore-yes, Engelsman – yes, Hansz – yes Motion carried.

Additions to Agenda: None

Treasurer's Report: Cook reviewed financial reports for March 2020.

Temporary Bill Approval and Check Signing: Motion by Hansz for bills to be approved via e-mail by one board member and temporarily allow one signatory on checks through June 2020 due to COVID-19. Seconded by Engelsman. Roll Call: Engelsman – yes, Hansz – yes, Tidmore – yes Motion carried.

Executive Director's Report:

MEDC quarterly reports have been filed. Capital funds for FY20 are now available. CAT has completed the engines and will be back towards the end of the week to fix an issue. New van with a lift will be delivered on Friday. Due to COVID-19 and Governor Whitmer's stay at home policy work on replacing the BITA roof has been delayed.

COVID-19: Motion by Hansz to support and recognize the Beaver Island Boat Co delaying the start date of scheduled passenger trips from April 15th to May 1, 2020 due to COVID-19 and these dates are subject to change. The Beaver Island Transportation Authority acknowledges per contract with the Beaver Island Boat Co the minimal number of trips will not be met for the month of April 2020. Seconded by Hansz. Roll Call: Hansz – yes, Tidmore – yes, Engelsman – yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None.

Other Pertinent Business: Engelsman asked McQueer what protocols BIBCO will be putting in place for transporting passengers. McQueer reviewed safety procedures.

Public Comment: Public comment given by: Bob Anderson, Joe Moore, Paul Niehaus, Kevin Boyle, and Kitty McNamara.

Cook stated the BIBCO website is kept up to date with boat information.

Motion to adjourn by Tidmore at 12:29pm, seconded by Engelsman. Roll call: Tidmore – yes, Engelsman – yes, Hansz – yes.
Motion carried.

Mary Cook
Executive Director