

Beaver Island Transportation Authority
Approved Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2020
12:00 pm

In Attendance:

BITA: Mary Cook, Larry Hansz, Bob Tidmore,

BITA call in: Mark Engelsman, Maura Turner

BIBCO: None

BIBCO call in: Tim McQueer

Others call in:

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

Procedures for teleconference due to COVID-19:

The State of Michigan Executive Order 2020-110 this meeting is being 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 2020-75 and the Open Meetings Act dated March 19, 2020.

Members of the public will only be able to speak during the meeting during the public comment portion of the meeting and such comment will be limited to three minutes per person. To provide for orderly public comment, a person wishing to speak during public comment must state their name and request to be recognized by the Board Chairperson. The Chairperson will recognize all persons wishing to speak during public comment. Anyone wishing to speak will give their full name before asking a question or commenting.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of regular meeting April 14, 2020 approved by Hansz. Seconded by Engelsman. Roll call: Tidmore-yes, Engelsman – yes, Hansz – yes, Turner – yes. Motion carried.

Additions to Agenda: None

Treasurer's Report: Cook reviewed financial reports for April/May 2020.

Extended Temporary Bill Approval and Check Signing: Motion by Turner to continue temporarily approving bills via-email by one board member and allowing one signatory on checks through August 2020 due to COVID-19. Seconded by Engelsman. Roll call: Tidmore-yes, Engelsman – yes, Hansz – yes, Turner – yes. Motion carried.

Executive Director's Report:

The roof is almost completed. Some caulking and painting need to be done. There was an additional \$12,000 due to the removal and replacement of the existing OSB. The existing OSB was not the correct size and would not have met code. Several areas of rot were discovered.

MI CAT – engines – still waiting for the third-party document to be amended from the state. Once this is completed payment requests will be filed.

The boat has been running without any major issues. It was asked how the vessel is operating since the bow thruster work at the shipyard. Captain Mike Green has stated the following: "I haven't had any really strong winds yet to use it in, but it seems to have better push at the lower rpms when docking. I have not noticed any cavitation. Everything seems to be working as it should."

Through the Rural Task Force, BITA has been awarded \$40,000 for new fork trucks.

CARES Act funding documents were sent into the state.

Vehicles:

Motion by Englesman for the Chair and Executive Director to review blue book values and determine a fair price to sell the 2013 and 2005 vans to BIBCO. Seconded by Hansz. Roll call: Tidmore-yes, Engelsman – yes, Hansz – yes, Turner – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tidmore to auction the 1999 Ford Cutaway (shuttle) starting minimum bid \$250. Seconded by Hansz. Roll call: Tidmore-yes, Engelsman – yes, Hansz – yes, Turner – yes. Motion carried.

Coast Guard Training/Vessel:

Motion by Hansz for the approved use of the M/V Emerald Isle for a training drill with the United States Coast Guard and the Beaver Island Boat Co. to be conducted in August of 2020 subject to negotiations with the BITA Executive Director and BIBCO. Seconded by Tidmore. Roll call: Tidmore-yes, Engelsman – yes, Hansz – yes, Turner – yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None.

Other Pertinent Business: None

Public Comment: None

Motion to adjourn by Hansz at 12:26 pm. Seconded by Tidmore. Roll call: Tidmore-yes, Engelsman – yes, Hansz – yes, Turner – yes. Motion carried.

Mary Cook
Executive Director