

**Beaver Island Transportation Authority
Beaver Island Community Center
Approved Community Meeting Minutes
Regarding 2026 Boat Schedule
January 12, 2026; 5:30 pm**

In Attendance:

BITA: Roberta Welke, Mike Green, Craig Peirano, Vic Van Deventer, Neal Green

BITA Absent: None

BIBCO: Tim McQueer, Bill McDonough

Others: Mary Cook, 23 others present, 17 via Zoom

Quorum was determined and meeting called to order by the Chair (Welke) at 5:30 pm.

Schedule Summary – BITA/BIBCO

Welke reviewed 2026 Beaver Island Boat Company ferry schedule.

Welke also shared a summary of the 2025 pre-Memorial Day and post-Labor Day ferry departure times and travel time survey performed by BIBCO for those that had a vehicle on the ferry during this time.


McQueer shared information about the survey, departure times, dock usage issues, and workforce.

Public Comment

Public comment was received. Several participants were concerned about the “yellow” schedule. Receiving on-going information from BITA and/or BIBCO was/is appreciated.

Final BITA report: Covered the status of 1) the new vessel design; 2) engaging an owners’ rep to review the design and construction; and 3) engaging an engineering firm to design an update boat dock.

Adjournment: Motion by Peirano to adjourn at 6:11 pm. Seconded by M. Green.
Motion carried.


Craig Peirano
Secretary