BEAVER ISLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Approved Regular Board Meeting
October 13, 2026
Minutes

Attendance:
BITA: Roberta Welke, Mike Green, Neal Green
Absent BITA: Vic Van Deventer, John Manza
BIBCO: Don Tritsch
Others: Mary Cook

Welke determined a quorum and called meeting to order at 12:04 pm.

Motion by M. Green to approve September 8, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Seconded by N. Green. Motion carried.

Additions to Agenda
None

Approve Agenda
Motion by N. Green to approve the agenda. Seconded by M. Green. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report
Motion by N. Green to approve September 2026 disbursements. Seconded by M. Green. Roll call: Welke – yes, N. Green – yes, M. Green – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Green for Cook to transfer $105,430.41 from MI Class to Charlevoix State Bank. Seconded by N. Green. Roll call: Welke – yes, M Green – yes, N Green- yes. Motion carried.

Authorized Check Signers
Motion by M. Green to approve Roberta Welke, Michael Green, Neal Green, Victor Van Deventer, and John Manza as authorized signatories at Charlevoix State Bank for the Beaver Island Transportation Authority accounts, and authorize Mary Cook to enquire on accounts and have electronic access for accounts at Charlevoix State Bank. Seconded by N. Green. Roll call: Welke – yes, M Green- yes, N Green – yes. Motion carried.

Procurement Policy
Motion by N. Green to approve and adopt the 2026 Procurement Policy. Seconded by M. Green. Roll call: Welke – yes, M Green – yes, N Green- yes. Motion carried.

Master Agreement
Motion by M. Green to adopt the Blanket Signature Resolution for 2027-0042, Master Agreement Resolution. Seconded by N. Green. Roll call: Welke – yes, M Green – yes, N Green – yes. Motion carried.

Committees
Motion by N. Green to appoint the following individuals to the committees listed below. Seconded by M. Green. Motion carried.

New Ferry – Cook/N. Green/M. Green
Dock – Cook/N. Green/Welke
Fares/|Schedule – Cook/Welke/Manza
Ad-Hoc - Cook/Welke/Manza

Fares/Schedule
Motion by N. Green to approve the 2027 shoulder season time schedule for vessel departures. Seconded by Welke. Motion carried.

Board members expressed concerns about overnighting the vessel in CVX because of severe weather and securing the vessel.

Fuel Surcharge
Motion by M. Green to implement a fuel surcharge of 15% on passenger tickets, vehicles, and freight until December 31, 2026. Seconded by N. Green. Roll call: Welke – yes, M Green- yes, N Green – yes. Motion carried.

New Vessel Update
RFPs are due October 20, 2026.

Dock Update
Edgewater submitted a progress report.

Director's Report
Preparing for year-end and quarterly reports, audit, and FTA visit. M/V Emerald Isle will be going to drydock in April depending on the weather. Working with MDOT on funding for winter work and meeting with BIBCO to plan for future vessel maintenance. Boat trip has been cancelled for Friday due to inclement weather.

Conflict of Interest
Code of Ethics

Correspondence None

Other Pertinent Business None

Public Comment None

Adjourn
Motion by M. Green to adjourn at 12:50 pm. Seconded by N. Green. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

John Manza
Secretary