

Beaver Island Transportation Authority

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2015

12:00 Noon

In Attendance:

BITA: Bob Tidmore, Kitty McNamara, Ed Troutman, Don Vyse

BITA call in: Larry Hansz

BIBCO: Bill McDonough

BIBCO call in: Margo Marks

MDOT call in: Valerie Schultz

Others: Mary Cook

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

Approval of the September 8, 2015 regular meeting minutes. Motion by McNamara, seconded by Hansz. Motion carried.

Tidmore reviewed the agenda and asked if there were any additions. None

Treasurer's Report: Cook reviewed financial reports and overview of capital grants and utilization of funds. Quarterly payroll reports have been filed. Audit will begin mid-November.

Motion by McNamara for Cook to make necessary budget adjustments for FY 15. Seconded by Tidmore. Motion carried.

Islander Generator: Discussed letter sent from BIBCO regarding assistance for the main generator replacement on the Beaver Islander. Schultz will be checking with the state to see where they stand on providing funding.

Tidmore inquired if freezers were available for use by general public or just for commercial use. McDonough stated they are for everyone to use.

Director's Report:

Cook reported that she submitted a request to Bob Parsons, Public Involvement and Hearings Officer, asking that ferry systems be included in the State of Michigan's Long Range Transportation Plan.

Timing was discussed for the shaft and coupling replacement. With the Beaver Islander needing generator work, arrival of the new shaft and coupling for the Emerald Isle, and not knowing the availability of dry docking, the replacement could be spring of 2016.

Attended accounting seminar for FY16 in Lansing. BIBCO tours were up by around 200 from last year.

Attended MiCat meeting with Bill McDonough, Margo Marks, Joe Snowaert, and Kevin McDonough. Discussed additional transmission invoice and engine warranties.

CMU received a grant for water quality monitoring and planning on the installation of the equipment on the Emerald Isle in the spring of 2016.

Current projects: shaft and coupling replacement, fuel tank cleaning, IBA replacements, and a power washer.

Cook purchased a cell phone per Tidmore's request and board agreed to reimburse for usage.

Correspondence: None

Other Pertinent Business: None

Consideration to go into closed session/discuss real estate: no discussion

Fares: Committee will meet Nov 4th at 10:00 am.

Public Comment: McDonough attended an awards assembly for Jim Dunn. He also shared Dave Lorenz of the Pure Michigan campaign visited the Island. McDonough commented on the cleanliness of the Emerald Isle and the efficiency of the new chair lift.

Meeting adjourned by Tidmore at 12:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Cook
Executive Director

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