

Beaver Island Transportation Authority  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
December 13, 2011

In Attendance:

BITA: Bob Tidmore, Kitty McNamara, Ed Troutman, via phone, Larry Hansz, via phone

Absent: Don Vyse

BIBCO: Bill McDonough, Margo Marks

Others: Elaine West, and Barbara Schwartzfisher

Quorum was determined and the meeting called to order at 11:57 am by Bob Tidmore. Approval of the Minutes of the November 8, 2011, regular meeting, it was moved by Ed Troutman and seconded by Larry Hansz. A motion was approved.

Mr. Tidmore reviewed agenda and asked if there were any additions to agenda.

Treasurer's Report – None offered. January meeting will review both November and December's accounts.

Director's Report – Agenda order

Schedule for 2012 - It was moved by Ed Troutman and seconded by Kitty McNamara to approve the ferry schedule for 2012 as presented. Motion Carried.

Passenger – Passenger Vehicle Fares – It was moved by Larry Hansz and seconded by Ed Troutman to approve the fares as presented and approved by the BIBCO Board of Directors. Fares will be as follows: Non-peak will increase one dollar each way and peak will increase two dollars each way, cars will increase five dollars each way for vehicles under 19 feet and book of 20 one-ways tickets will go to \$440.00. Motion Carried.

Audit Update – GASB 54- A sample Fund Balance Policy was presented for board review. Our audit team suggested this be adopted to remain proficient with GASB standards. Schwartzfisher recommended approval with one modification. It was moved by Kitty McNamara and seconded by Bob Tidmore to approve the Fund Balance Policy as presented with the modification. Motion Carried. This policy will be placed in the Board Book of Minutes and Policies.

FBD Grant Round 2 – Schwartzfisher alerted the board that she would be submitting the application for FBD Funds to the state on December 14, 2012, to be submitted to the FHWA submission on January 6, 2012. We have again asked for 8 million dollars for the construction of a new ferry. \$22.2 million is available this round.

TIGER III Grant Update – Still waiting to hear as to approvals.

Procurement System Training - Schwartzfisher offered and overview of the training she attended in Gaylord, December 6-7, 2011.

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Correspondence – Statistics for November.

Other Pertinent Business – Bill McDonough asked the BITA Board if they were all still on board with the project of designing the new vessel. It was stated that the board voted unanimously to support this project. However there may be disagreements at times but we support the project lying before us.

Public Comment – None

With no further public comment offered, a motion to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 12:21 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Barbara Varnum Schwartzfisher, Executive Director