



**MASS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 27, 2024 BOARD MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Luke Zelle, Scott Grossmeyer, Scott Bennett, Charles Winfrey, Tommie Johnson, Candice Mushatt, Ellen Ellenburg

**ABSENT:** Glenn Wilson, Sharon Reeves

**STAFF:** Ed Benning, Jacqueline Saxton, Ken Vavra, Tim Ashley, Mike Foerster, Rod Evans, Traci Davis, Corwin Mathews, Patrick Tesler, Melinda Johnson, Shawnice Dorsey, Karl Petrich

**GUESTS:** Ann Steedly, Chief Financial & Operations Officer - Planning Communities

Chair Luke Zelle called the board meeting to order at 8:01 A.M.

**Comments of the Public**

Written comments from email and the MTA website from two community members, Mr. David Dunnville and Ms. Karen Jernigan, were submitted and recognized by board members.

Chairperson Zelle stated that two items had been added to the agenda; Resolutions #24-52 and #24-53.

Ellen Ellenberg made a motion to move the revised agenda, seconded by Charles Winfrey. Motion approved unanimously.

**Approval of the May 23, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes**

Charles Winfrey made a motion, supported by Ellen Ellenberg, to approve the May 23, 2024 board meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

**Approval of the May 21, 2024 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**

Scott Grossmeyer made a motion, supported by Ellen Ellenberg to approve the May 21, 2024 finance committee meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

Scott Grossmeyer made a motion to move items 3 through 6 (resolutions #24-48 through 24-51), as they were reviewed and discussed in the finance committee meeting, Scott Bennett supported the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

**Resolution #24-48 to amend the current contract with Diekevers Roofing, Inc. (Grand Rapids, MI) to exercise the option to replace 24 roof skylights concurrently with the installation of a new roof for Building #3 at the MTA Center for Transportation Technology for a total not to exceed price of \$280,336.00, and a contingency allowance not to exceed an amount of \$25,753.60.**

**Resolution #24-49 authorizing the General Manager to amend the current contract with Maner Costerisan (Lansing, MI) to provide a new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software solution for MTA's Finance, Purchasing and Inventory Departments, at a not to exceed cost of \$143,010.00 for the first year.**

**Resolution #24-50 authorizing the General Manager to enter into a one-year Product Supply Agreement with PlusAI, Inc. of Santa Clara, CA for the sale of hydrogen (H2) to PlusAI, Inc.**

**Resolution #24-51 Resolution authorizing the General Manager to sign and accept Change Order #11 with Sorensen Gross Company, Flint, MI for the installation of a wrought iron fence in an amount not to exceed \$85,703.20 based on parameters set in RFP #2022-04.**

**Resolution #24-52 authorizing the General Manager to rescind Resolution #21-08, approved by the Mass Transportation Authority Board of Directors on November 19, 2020, for the sale of Building #3 at 1717 S. Dort Highway, Flint, MI, to The Disability Network.**

Scott Grossmeyer moved, supported by Scott Bennett, to approve Resolution #24-52.

Ed Benning stated that we had hoped that The Disability Network (TDN) could move into this site and use it for their needs but, unfortunately they were unable to get the grant to renovate the facility and it appears that the best situation would be to turn it back over to the MTA. Mr. Benning stated that he has offered TDN some space at the technology center to certify MTA ADA clients.

Scott Grossmeyer, Scott Bennett, Charles Winfrey, Tommie Johnson, Candice Mushatt, and Ellen Ellenburg voted in the affirmative; Luke Zellej abstained from voting. Motion passed.

**Resolution #24-53 authorizing the General Manager to amend the three-year agreement with Windstream Communications, Inc., to provide phone and internet communication systems for all Mass Transportation Authority locations, at an estimated total contract cost of \$635,237.04.**

Charles Winfrey moved, supported by Scott Grossmeyer, to approve Resolution #24-53.

Rod Evans, MTA Chief Operating Officer -Technology stated that last year a project was started to replace most of the MTA network hardware in advance of implementing a new telephone system with a target date of the end of 2023. Due to unforeseen problems within the department, the project was delayed. With the restart of the project and with noticeable changes occurring throughout the organization an upgrade to the hardware is now required.

Motion approved unanimously.

**PRESENTATION: Zero Emission Fleet Transition Rollout Plan –**

*Ann Steedly, Planning Communities*

Ann Steedly presented the fleet rollout plan to board members providing an overview of the purpose and elements of the plan, along with the community benefits, and goals.

Luke Zellej thanked Ms. Steedly for coming to the board meeting today to make this presentation, stating that there is a lot to the plan and members may take time to review the plan further.

**GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT - Ed Benning, GM/CEO**

Ed Benning provided that board with an update on how far the organization has come with alternative fuels, announcing the arrival of two additional hydrogen vehicles and 6 electric vehicles, and that there will be a press conference right after the board meeting today. Mr. Benning reported on attending the Community Transportation of America Association (CTAA) annual meeting where he met with representatives from the Michigan Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, and the head of CTAA. Mr. Benning announced for the first time the Friends of Public Transportation Golf Outing was rained out; it was rescheduled for July 22. Mr. Benning discussed funding through the SOAR package and how it will benefit transportation. Mr. Benning stated he was so proud of staff for all of the transportation they are providing to special events and for assisting community members in need through various programs.

***Comments by Board Members***

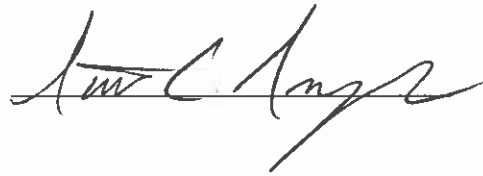
Scott Bennett thanked Ed Benning for attending the Grand Blanc Township DDA Meeting, stating that it was a great conversation.

Ed Benning introduced MTA Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Tim Ashley stating that Tim will be working with the new Chief Financial Officer, Lauren Pavlowski, when she comes on board later in July.

Luke Zelley thanked Ken Vavra, Chief of Staff for his financial leadership and dedication and for remaining in his position to see the MTA through these recent changes.

***Adjournment***

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 A.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Ashley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "T" and "A".