

Benzie Transportation Authority
Special Board Meeting
April 23, 2014
APPROVED MAY 15, 2014

A special meeting of the Benzie Transportation Authority board was held on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at the Benzie Bus Station (media room) at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Joshua Stoltz, Kelly Thayer, Joann Worden-Morrell, Jessica Carland, Amy Herczak, Ingemar Johansson, John Nuske

Members Absent: Roger Thompson & Roger Griner – both excused

Staff Present: Bill Kennis, Executive Director & Jennifer Kolinske, Finance & H.R. Manager

Guests: Eric VanDussen

Chairperson Josh Stoltz called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Approval of April 23, 2014 Annual Board Meeting Minutes: *Motion* by Ingemar and supported by Joann to approve the April 23, 2014 annual board meeting minutes as amended. All ayes, *motion carried*.

Public Comment: Eric VanDussen – asked the board to direct their attention toward Chris Cooke

New Business:

- a. **Executive Director's Contract Agreement** – Board discussed 90 day waiting period, 90 day period does not apply to the executive director contract.
- b. **FOIA Appeal Process** - the board will inform Eric VanDussen that they will be issuing a ten day extension on the appeal. Josh will contact MMRMA, if no results from them Josh will contact Chris Cooke and proceed forward with the appeal process.
- c. **Discussion – Board Structure** – discussed nine person v's the possibility of a seven person board.

Any Other Business:

Legal Correspondence: - Received correspondence from MMRMA regarding representation. *Motion* by John and supported by Joann to designate Josh as the official contact and Bill Kennis the secondary contact with MMRMA. All ayes, *motion carried*.

Motion by Amy and supported by John to go into closed session to discuss potential litigation because a discussion in open session could jeopardize the financial condition of the BTA. *Motion was withdrawn*.

Discussion followed - MMRMA will review the issue and give the BTA board a recommendation.

Public Comment: Eric VanDussen – stated a response to the FOIA appeal should come from the public body. Suggested board might want to get a second opinion.

Motion by Kelly and supported by Ingemar to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m., all ayes, *motion carried*.

The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the Benzie Bus Station, 14150 US Hwy. 31, Beulah MI, 49617.

Jennifer L. Kolinske

Jennifer L. Kolinske, Recording Secretary

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Date: