



MINNESOTA PUBLIC TRANSIT ASSOCIATION

MPTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
November 22, 2022

BOARD NOTES

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

I. Call to Order – **8:35 a.m. Ryan Daniel**

II. Roll Call

Mike Klauda

Ryan Daniel

Nick Lemmer

Alan Herrmann

Nick Leske

Brenda Britton

Daryn Toso

Luther Wynder

Margaret Donahoe

Sherry Munyon

III. Additions or Changes to the Agenda – None. Motion to approve the agenda: Nick Lemmer,
Second: Alan Herrmann. Motion passed.

Old Business

IV. Approval of minutes from May through September, 2022.

Motion to approve: Nick Lemmer, Second: Daryn Toso. Motion passed.

New Business

V. Legislative Update – **Sherry Munyon**

- Sherry reviewed the election results from the November, 2022 election. The DFL will control the House with 70 seats and the Senate with 34 to 33 for the GOP. Governor Walz was also re-elected so the DFL controls all three bodies. The last time that was the situation was during the 2013-14 biennium. Leadership positions have been named but we are still waiting for committee chairs and committee members to be announced.
- Sherry noted that MPTA needs to develop a legislative agenda for 2023. She would like to have a meeting of the legislative committee after Thanksgiving to put together recommendations and the committee could include people outside of the Board as well.

- Sherry continues to work with Congressional staff on legislation at the federal level dealing with volunteer driver reimbursement rates. Rep. Stauber has a bill to replace the 14-cent per mile rate with the annual business rate. Other bills would change the 14-cent rate to 24-cents per mile which still leaves a much lower rate in place for the foreseeable future.

VI. Advocacy Update – **Margaret Donahoe**

- Margaret thanked Board members who participated in the regional transportation candidate forums that were held in September and October.
- The big push will be to educate legislators about transit needs and funding options. Transit systems will be asked to update the system profiles that MPTA developed so we can use them in meetings with legislators.
- Transportation Day at the Capitol will be held on March 1, 2023 at the Capitol Ridge Hotel in St. Paul.

VII. President’s Update – **Ryan Daniel**

- Ryan reported that the Rodeo in 2023 will not be held in Duluth. We are looking at Rochester for the event in July. We may need a backup plan so Luther is looking the Dakota County Technical college as well.
- Ryan talked about ongoing meetings with OTAT and asked for any issues that Board members would like brought up with OTAT staff.

VIII. Financial Report – **Nick Lemmer**

- The Board reviewed the financial report through October, 2022. He noted that the conference did much better than anticipated this year. Motion to approve the financial reports from May through October: Alan Herrmann, Second: Daryn Toso. Motion passed.

IX. MCOTA Update – **Alan Herrmann**

- Alan reported that the Volunteer Driver committee has finalized a new brochure. MCOTA is setting up new committees as they look to the future. Volunteer Driver Forums are being planned with a webinar on October 5th and one in February. There is a new Shared Vehicles group that will be looking at the issue of how vehicles can be shared.

X. Events 2022

- Rodeo – Austin, MN - July 14,15, 2022
- Transit Conference – St. Cloud, MN - October 23-25, 2022
- Transportation Day at the Capitol - March 31, 2022 at Capitol Ridge Hotel
- Fly-In – Washington D.C. – September 20-22, 2022

XI. Next Meeting

A Doodle Poll will be sent out to set up the December meeting which will be a two-hour meeting to talk more about a plan for 2023.

XII. Other Business

XIII. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.