

Arenac Public Transportation Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes - May 17, 2023 @ 4:30 p.m.

Present: Ray Koroleski - Chairperson, Ashely Sweet - Treasurer, Mike Bowers, Janet Adams and Nancy Selle.

Absent: Sally Mrozinski - Secretary and Diedra Mosciski – Vice Chairperson.

Other Members: Denise Dunn – APTA Director

Guests: Larry Strange - Mp2Planning, Raymond Schramm, Jack Dunn

Approval of Agenda: Motion, Adams to approve agenda as presented; support, Bowers; 5 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion, Selle, to approve minutes from April, 19, 2023, as presented; support, Adams; 5 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Approval of Book of Bills: Motion, Selle, to approve the May 16, 2023 Book of Bills as presented; support, Adams; 5 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Financial Report – April 2023: April 2023 Financial Report was reviewed/discussed.

Mp2Planning Presentation: Mr. Larry Strange provided a presentation of the Arenac Public Transit Authority Transportation Needs Study and Service Plan. (See attachment of presentation). The presentation was comprised of Bus Fleet Data, Fare Summary, 4 Year Performance Indicators, 2022 Passenger and Cost Data and Community Survey Data.

CONCLUSIONS:

- APTA System has evolved serving entire county.
- Costs are generally lower than surrounding transit systems.
- APTA is operating efficiently based on MDOT criteria.

Using the survey data, discussion was had on possible grants for “grant ready projects” and how to attract new ridership. Discussion on preparation to put a millage request on the August 2024 election ballot.

The current millage was passed in the 2020 August Primary at .60 mills, for 5 years (2020-2024). With increased operation costs (fuel, drivers, wages, etc.) discussion on an increase to the millage proposal.

Motion, Bowers, to present a millage proposal, for APTA, to the Arenac County Commissioners, in the amount of 1.2 mills, for four (4) years (2025-2028); to be placed on the August 2024 Primary; support, Adams; 5 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Strategic Plan:
- b. Director Next Steps
 1. Interviews: May 18, 2023 @ 5:30; two (2) candidates will be interviewing. Available Board of Directors will participate with the interviews.
- c. Staffing – Included in Directors Report

New Business: None

Directors Report: Review/Discussion

Adjourn: Motion, Sweet, to adjourn at 6:30; support, Adams; 5 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Minutes Prepared by:
Board Member – Nancy A. Selle