



MINNESOTA PUBLIC TRANSIT ASSOCIATION

MPTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
August 25, 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

Daryn Toso

Nick Lemmer

Luther Wynder

Joanne Brackey

Brenda Brittin

Heidi Buss

Margaret Donahoe

Sherry Munyon

III. Additions or Changes to the Agenda – None.

Old Business

IV. Approval of May 26, 2022 Minutes (Attachment)
Deferred to next Board meeting.

New Business

V. Legislative Update – **Sherry Munyon**

- Sherry updated the Board on the work being done at the federal level regarding the reimbursement rate for volunteer drivers. There are now several different bills addressing the issue. Rep. Stauber has the bill that MPTA would like to see enacted which allows the business rate to be used for volunteer drivers. 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. MPTA members will be meeting with Congressional staff during the Washington, D.C. Fly-In.
- Sherry and Ryan are meeting with staff at DVS to talk about training and testing for CDL licenses.

VI. Advocacy Update – **Margaret Donahoe**

- The Transportation Alliance will be hosting regional transportation meetings with candidates for the legislature this fall. The final schedule is not yet confirmed, but meetings will like be in: St. Cloud, Rochester, Owatonna, Willmar, Blaine, Eagan and Duluth. Margaret urged Board members to participate in these meetings and help educate candidates about the need for transit funding.
- The MPTA Annual Meeting will be held as part of the Minnesota Public Transit Conference in October. Several Board positions will need to be filled and an agenda will need to be developed for the meeting. MPTA Awards will also be presented right after the annual meeting.

VII. Program Coordinator – **Heidi Buss**

- The next planning meeting for the Transit Conference will be held at the end of August. The committee has met and discussed the topics for training and break-out sessions. The conference will be held in October in St. Cloud. The registration is now open.

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

- Ryan discussed the agenda for the upcoming meeting with OTAT.

IX. Financial Report – **Nick Lemmer**

- The Board reviewed the financial report through July 2022.
- Nick reported that the Finance Task Force has met and working on a plan to reach out to vendors regarding contributing to MPTA in 2022. The task force will also be looking at new ways to general revenue in the future.

X. MCOTA Update – **Sherry Munyon**

- Sherry reported that Volunteer Driver Forums are being planned for October and that one of the meetings will focus on the federal volunteer driver legislation.

XI. Events 2022

- Roadeo – 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

XII. Next Meeting

September 27, 2022 - 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

XIII. Other Business

XIV. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.