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- Labor
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- John Morse**
Chairperson
- Anne Noah**
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- Amy Herczak**
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- Jeff Pataky**
Secretary
- Chris Kitchen**
- Jeanette Feeheley**
- Dorene Strang**
- Evan Warsecke**
County Commissioner Liaison

FUTURE GOALS & DREAMS

\$535,000 Federal electric bus grant will fund up to 4 electric vehicles adding to the fleet of cleaner burning LP (Liquid Propane) buses.

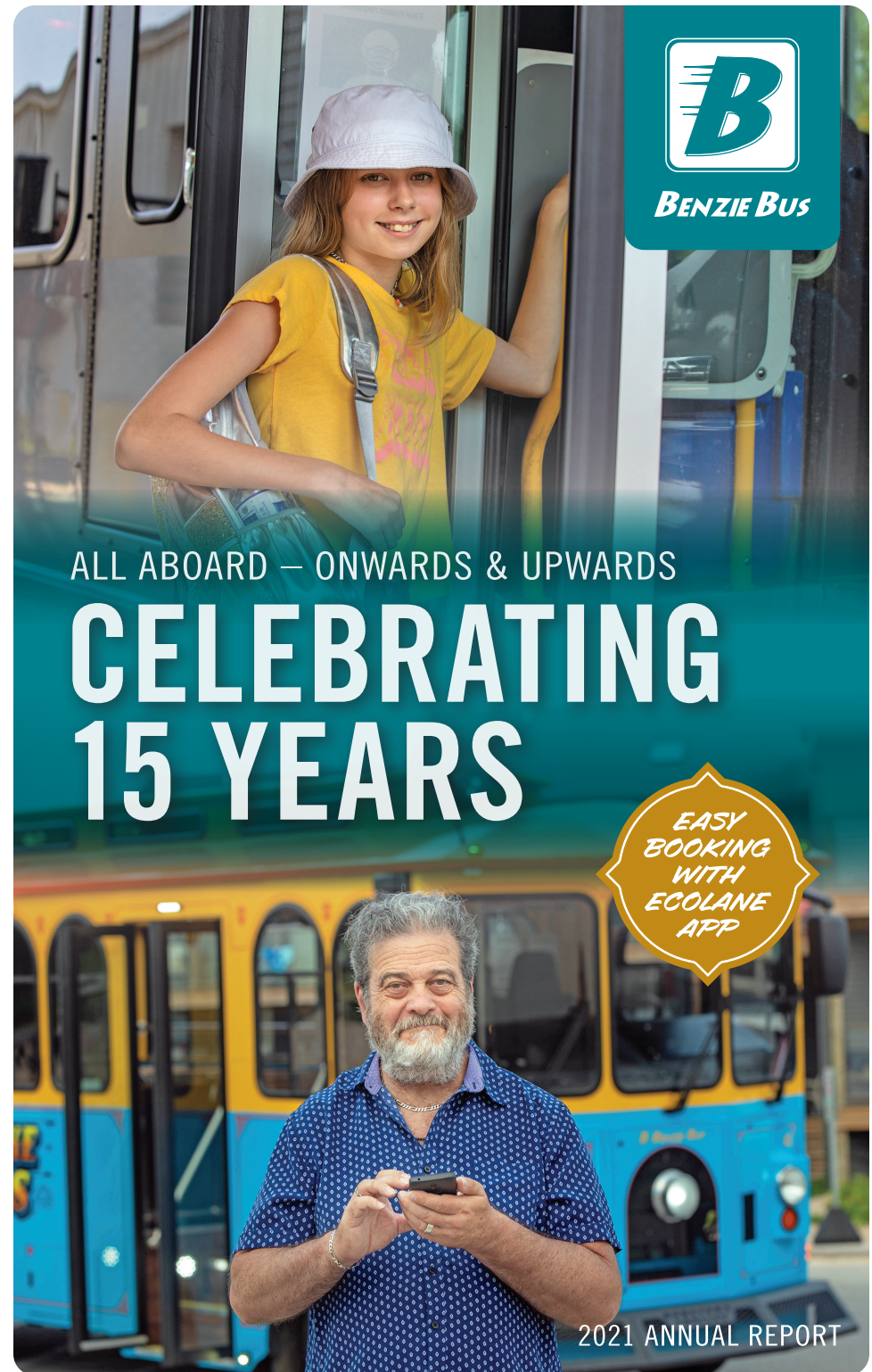
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ALL ABOARD – ONWARDS & UPWARDS

CELEBRATING 15 YEARS

EASY BOOKING WITH ECOLANE APP

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

PLEASE WELCOME...

...our 3rd generation Board of Directors; speaking in business terms.

Organizations move from the original founders to often more policy and strategic initiatives and then into maturity which is where our 15th year appears to be heading.

We have solid leadership from the Management team including Executive Director - Bill Kennis, Operations Manager - Chad Hollenbeck, Mobility Manager - Jessica Carland, HR Manager - Nancy Hunt and Bookkeeper - Wendy Wedemeier with a combined 47 years of service to Benzie Bus.

Benzie Bus also has several staff members who have been here for nearly all 15 years of Benzie Bus's existence, which isn't all that common anymore. I attribute the low employee turnover rate and high customer satisfaction to great leadership that also includes Board members who volunteer their time and skills representing all stakeholders in the community. These Board members bring a combined total of over 50 years of commitment and experience in public transit to the leadership table. All have my gratitude!

In short, I'm honored to have the opportunity to serve as the Board Chairperson. My industry knowledge with area transit authorities, experience as a certified public accountant (CPA), and community knowledge as a lifelong resident of Lake Ann will hopefully represent the community well as we evolve together retaining the vision of: "Connecting people of all ages and abilities to our community and promotes independence and prosperity through a safe and convenient public transit system."

Respectfully submitted, John Morse - CPA/BTA Chairperson



COMMUNITY BUILDING

Benzie Bus provides wings for our youth meaning that summer camp field trips, BEST education programs, ski-n-ride, Trunk or Treat and homecoming are better with Benzie Bus support.

The trolley set record ridership for Crystal Lake Express & supported Beulah's Music in the Streets, the 4th of July parking shuttles, Ironman shuttles & other festivals and parades.



Job Access rides are funded through an MDOT grant



Fly Benzie Bus airport service continues to grow and is the most cost-efficient service offered (nearly pays for itself).



Pictured Bill Kennis Executive Director

HEALTH RIDES

Benzie Bus was awarded a Federal grant for \$30,000 to start a new, personalized health and wellness service called "health-rides".

In addition, United Way held mask distributions from the bus facilities delivering 35,000 masks to everyone.



Pictured Chad Hollenbeck Operations Manager

FINANCIAL SUCCESS

Did you know that the bus mechanics service fellow Benzie County municipalities = reduce costs by servicing EMS, Fire Trucks and other vehicles saving taxpayers money

Inflation, expenses and asset management planning—Benzie Bus has prudently created a reserve fund to handle future building, grounds and vehicle needs.

* Additional CARES Act funding increased Federal portion about 18%

