

Benzie Transportation Authority  
Local Advisory Committee (LAC) Meeting  
January 22, 2016  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

The Local Advisory Committee of the Benzie Transportation Authority held a meeting on January 22, 2016 at the Benzie Bus Station (media room) at 12:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Matt Goodlin, Douglas Durand, Anne Noah, Dorene Strang, Ingemar Johansson

**Members Absent:** Richard Heniser, Beverly Popp, Kelly Thayer & Mary Carroll

**Staff Present:** Bill Kennis, Executive Director     **Guests:** Ruth Ann Tyler

Chairperson Matt called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of the November 2, 2015 Meeting Minutes:** *Motion* by Doug and supported by Anne to approve the November 2, 2015 meeting minutes. *All ayes, motion carried*

**Grant Awards**

Rotary Charities awarded Benzie Bus and BATA \$35,000 for NEMT (Non-Emergency Medical Transportation) for a Mobility Manager, Medicaid and Medicare eligible riders can qualify through DHS for medical rides and human service needs. Riders can go to Manistee between 10-3 on Tuesday and Thursday's and Grand Traverse on Wednesday and Friday's. Non-Medicaid riders may pay \$12 for door-to-door service during those time inter-county.

**GPS** grant was not received but, Benzie Bus has implemented coverage that could help with reducing costs for on-going service and helps document where our buses are and routes they have taken.

**Surveillance Cameras** BTA has recently been awarded \$6,908.00 for replacing bus cameras to protect riders and drivers from any incidents.

**Graceland Fruit has pledged \$5,000 for designing Frankfort and Benzie Central Mascot buses.**

**Accessibility Plan** includes a plan for 2 new shelters potentially at Copemish plaza, Honor or T-ville. New \$12 fare for inter-county service into Manistee and Grand Traverse. Bus Buddies to assist first time riders. Saturday TC service and exploring seasonal Sunday service. Two LAC meeting minimally will be planned for 2017. *Motion* by Ingemar and supported by Doug to approve the 2017 Annual Accessibility Plan. *All ayes, motion carried*

**2016 Goals** included discussion about: Cherry Republic employees into Glen Lake, Summer Riverside canoe shuttles, Bike-n-ride. Connecting regionally through Indian Trails either with Cadillac Transit at Grand Traverse Mall or Mesick or at BATA Hall St. Station.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m. Next Meeting scheduled for April 15, 2016 @ 12:00 noon to review rider survey.

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Bill Kennis, Recording Secretary

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