



Local Advisory Committee

Thursday, May 23 @ 12:30PM

Benzie Bus Station

MINUTES approved as presented November 14, 2024

Members:

Ingemar Johansson **Present**
Bev Popp **Present**
Jerry Heiman **Present**
Jessica Carland (Staff) **Present**

Doug McFarlen **Absent**
Ruth Ann Tyler **Absent**
Doug Durand **Present**
Sophia Hogarth (Staff)
Present

Open LAC Seat
Jessica Garder (Chair) **Present**

1. **Welcome Guests, New Staff, and Call to Order** Chairwoman Gardner called the meeting to order at 12:34PM
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Public Comment** None
4. **Review and Approve Agenda** Motion by Durand with support by Johansson to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.
5. **Review and Approve December 2023 Committee Minutes** Motion by Heiman with support by Popp to approve the December 2023 Committee meeting minutes as presented. All ayes, motion carried.
6. **Old Business**
 - a. **To be tabled until August meeting:**
 - i. **Draft Bylaws**
 - ii. **Draft LAC Application**
7. **New Business**
 - a. **Appointment of Vice Chair** Nomination by Johansson to appoint Heiman as Committee Vice Chair. Nomination accepted. Motion by Johansson with support by Popp to appoint Heiman Vice Chair of the Committee. All ayes, motion carried.
 - b. **BTA Millage Increase Request - August 2024** Carland gave a presentation on the August 2024 millage increase request.
 - c. **Friends of Benzie Bus Update - J. Gardner** Gardner updated the committee on the activities of the Friends of Benzie Bus and invited members of the committee to join the millage advocacy group.
8. **Committee Roundtable** Johansson asked how many individual passengers Benzie Bus supported. Carland stated there are 2,500 distinct passengers which is 13.5% of the county population.
9. **Next Meeting:** August 22, December 19, March 27 @ 12:30PM
10. **Adjournment** Meeting adjourned at 1:25PM