



WOTA – WESTERN OAKLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

205 W. LIVINGSTON RD., HIGHLAND, MI 48357

MINUTES: 1-22-2020: White Lake Township

1. Meeting was called to order by RK at 9:02 am with the Pledge of Allegiance
2. **Roll Call**
 - Jennifer Frederick, Highland
 - Kathy Plafchan, WOTA
 - Rik Kowall, White Lake
 - Gary Wall, Waterford
- Also Present**
 - Kim Viener, WOTA
 - Mark Koerner, WOTA Attorney
 - Kim Markee, Waterford
- Absent**
 - N/A
3. **Visitors:** Kathy Gordinier, Dublin Center
4. Consent Agenda Approval - RK Motioned, GW Approved, 7-Yes
 - a. Jan. 8, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
 - b. List of bills
5. Public Comment: none
6. Board Member Comment: KP states her son's first WOTA ride was awesome. GW says its been a smooth transition, he's heard nothing negative, all upbeat and positive.
7. Director Report: Lyon Township has interest in WOTA. No vehicles to bring to table and separated by Township from rest of communities; CTP nor WOTA take residents to Lyon. Recommend talk with Lyon Township to explain status and 2-year pilot program; would put too much stress on program to add more with no assets. RK Motioned, GW Approved, 7-Yes
8. Old Business
 - a. Rick Hamill and Rik Kowall to provide mock-up for WOTA decals on SMART vehicles. pending
 - b. Providing bus usage for Community Programs, ie: senior center monthly trips, community events, etc. Need to establish a policy to include a full-bus commitment by community 1x mo each community, scheduled in advance. To revisit.
 - c. Verify Kim V. can sign routine checks for amounts up to \$1,500. RK Motioned, GW Approved, 7-Yes
 - d. Update on LARA: per Mark, need to verify need for 501 as opposed to government entity, KV to discuss with Mark and revisit later.
9. New Business
 - a. We are now Corporate Sponsors for the HWLBA. Joining Lakes Area Chamber, others to be evaluated for future.
 - b. Propose WOTA Ribbon Cutting/HWLBA Coffee for 8:00 a.m. Friday, March 13. Do we want to have an official "kick-off" coffee in White Lake & Waterford too? No need for additional coffees in other communities. Date sounds good, KV to provide updates.



(248) 887-4979

WWW.RIDEWOTA.ORG

- c. HB 5229 Discussion; Oakland County Executive meeting set for 3:00pm, Feb. 4 at White Lake Library. OCATS 100% against.
- d. Walled Lake coming on board discussion, Highland contract up June 30, 2020. Propose to set up meeting with CWL and Mayor within next few weeks to present WOTA and CWL joining when Highland contract is up.
- e. Mark to come up with Advertising & Sponsorship Policy.
- f. RK propose adding time for board back and forth commentary to the Agenda.

10. Next Meeting Date & Potential Items

- a. **9:00am Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020** at Highland Annex Building.
- b. Quotes for remainder of FT employee benefits: dental, vision, life & STD.

11. Meeting was adjourned at 10:42 am by RK, JF support.

