



# WOTA – WESTERN OAKLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

205 W. LIVINGSTON RD., HIGHLAND, MI 48357

## MINUTES: 2-26-2020: Waterford Township Hall

1. Meeting was called to order by *RH* at 9:06 am with the *Pledge of Allegiance*
2. **Roll Call**
  - Rick Hamill, Highland
  - Rik Kowall, White Lake
  - Gary Wall, Waterford
  - Kathy Plafchan, Special Needs
- Also Present**
  - Kim Viener, WOTA
  - Mark Koerner, WOTA Attorney
  - Andrea Voorheis, White Lake
  - Alison Swanson, Waterford
  - Kim Markee, Waterford
- Absent**
  - N/A
3. **Visitors:** Madonna Van Fossen, SMART  
Mark Simlar, Waterford HR
4. Approval of Agenda: *RK moved, RH approved, Yes 7*
5. Approval of Consent Agenda: *RK moved, GW approved, Yes 7*
  - a. Feb. 12, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
  - b. List of expenses
6. Public Comment: Guest Speaker – Madonna VanFossen, SMART; *Contracts with SMART are ready per SMART and expected to sign NLT Friday (2-28); Madonna will hand walk throught he 9 offices in Detroit Thursday and return Friday if necessary to get it to John Hertel; be sure to have WOTA fleet insurance in place and need final document showing how RWP is linked to WOTA. Afterwards Madonna will process the credit transfers for Specialized and Municipal funding and a paper will be drawn up to “on paper” return vehicles from communities back to SMART and then SMART will issue them to WOTA. Just need KV to sign contracts today. Madonna also promoted OPT-IN with SMART @ 1mil, and offered support for WOTA Ribbon Cutting in April.*
  - a. *RK Motioned to amend the Agenda to add a vote for board to authorize WOTA Director to sign contracts pertaining to WOTA; SMART and others. RH approved, Yes 7*
7. Director Report
8. Old Business
  - a. Mock-up quote received from Eagle Graphics for SMART bus approval; board made simple modifications and approved mock-up to send to SMART marketing for approval.
  - b. Proposal for bus usage for Community Programs, ie: senior center monthly trips, community events, etc. *KV to coordinate with Waterford and White Lake to determine needs/availability, pending.*
  - c. CWL Meeting, 9:30/10am Thursday March 26; waiting to hear if they can come to our WOTA meeting on 25<sup>th</sup>? *Pending.*



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9. New Business

- a. Waterford Encore: Problem with what Encore expects drivers to do, because of what they did when they were Waterford employees, see attached information. *GW to take it to school and resolve; will report to next meeting if not sooner.*
- b. Quotes for remainder of FT employee benefits: dental, vision, life & STD. *Pending reps out of town, waiting on more quotes.*

10. Board Member Commentary/Discussion: *OCATS Lansing Legislation meeting; most Oakland supervisors not on board with Mass Transit in County, County Executive involved.*

11. Next Meeting Date & Potential Items

- a. **9:00am Wednesday, March 11, 2020** at WOTA office.

12. Adjournment: *RK motioned, GW approved 10:13am.*

