



WOTA – WESTERN OAKLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

205 W. LIVINGSTON RD., HIGHLAND, MI 48357

MINUTES: 3-11-2020: Highland Annex

1. Meeting was called to order by *RH* at 9:06 am with the *Pledge of Allegiance*
2. **Roll Call**

Rick Hamill, Highland	Kim Markee, Waterford
Rik Kowall, White Lake	Kathy Plafchan, Special Needs

Also Present
Kim Viener, WOTA
Mark Koerner, WOTA Attorney

Absent
N/A
3. **Visitors:** Kathy Gordinear
4. Approval of: *RK motioned/KM approved, Yes 7*
5. Approval of Consent Agenda: *RK motioned/RH approved, Yes 7*
 - a. Feb. 26, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
 - b. List of expenses
 - c. Financials: *KV provided breakdown of financials with budget to show over \$450k not received but due in through year.*
6. Public Comment: N/A
7. Director Report & Monthly Rider Stats: *presented – RH to reach out to Madonna to NOT send directly to WOTA attorney; also brought up SMART doesn't legally recognize WOTA so how to process quarterly reimbursement reports? RH said to complete as WOTA.*
8. Old Business
 - a. Update from Mark Koerner, WOTA attorney, regarding SMART contract. Gov't Agency vs 501(C)3: SMART attorney didn't understand merger w/WOTA/RWP & cannot merge through LARA. SMART is supposed to be forming an agreement including RWP/WOTA & SMART; MK has received no response in several days, wants to know what SMART is considering? MK suggests creating document for all communities to sign agreeing to cover insurance for WOTA vehicles and allow WOTA to operate until WOTA can assume insurance. KV to provide list of all employees.
 - b. Waterford Encore: update from Gary Wall. *KM to look into.*
 - c. Quotes for FT employee benefits: dental, vision, life & STD. *Board approved.*
9. New Business
 - a. **Ribbon cutting is set for April 23** from 4:30-6:00pm at the WOTA Office Building, invitations are being assembled now. If anyone has someone they want to make sure is not left off, please contact Amy Grzymkowski at: HR.marketing@ridewota.org. *Amy to have list by next week. Ribbon cutting to be listed in Spinal Column.*
 - b. Fulltime employee retirement benefit options, HR presented; *not an option at this time, too costly to set up, possible cash out at end of year depending on balance of budget. Pilot program of 2 years, keep recurring costs to a minimum. To look into PayChex for payroll and employee options, see RK.*



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10. Board Member Commentary/Discussion: Roof bender of 38044 to be covered in full by WOTA not MMRMA: total \$2,398.49. HB 5550 & HB 5229 shot down.
11. Next Meeting Date
 - a. **9:00am Wednesday, March 25, 2020** at White Lake Township Hall, 7527 Highland Rd.
12. Adjournment: RK motioned/KM approved 10:09am.



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