

Beaver Island Transportation Authority
Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2017
12:00 pm

In Attendance:

BITA: Steve West, Mark Englesman, Bob Tidmore, Larry Hansz, Ed Troutman

BIBCO call in: Margo Marks, Tim McQueer

Others: Mary Cook, Paul Niehaus

Quorum was determined and meeting called to order by Tidmore at 12:00 pm.

May 9, 2017 regular meeting minutes approved. Motion by Troutman, seconded by Englesman. Motion carried.

Additions to Agenda: Hansz requested freight rates, and Tidmore requested insurance coverage, and July meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Cook reviewed financial reports for May 2017.

Director's Report: Cook reported the skid steer is to remain on BITA's insurance until next year. The township will then take over coverage. Englesman and Cook met with EUPTA and discussed ferry issues. Cook had written lift company making them aware BITA/BIBCO are discouraged with it not working as it should. A tech has come and the lift is working.

Addition – Freight Rates: Hansz stated he spoke with someone that does not feel the break point for the tonnage rate is fair. McQueer explained usually items under 1500lbs require more handling on BIBCO's part. He also stated he spoke with several customers about consolidating items. Marks reiterated BIBCO worked diligently over the winter trying to adjust rates fairly. West commented the cost of freight is part of doing business on the island and no system is going to be perfect.

Addition – Insurance: Motion by Troutman to increase insurance coverage to 4,000,000, seconded by Hansz. Motion carried.

Addition – Discussion of not having a July meeting took place. If Executive Director Cook sees a need for a meeting there will be one scheduled.

Correspondence: None

Other Business: None

Public Comment: Paul Niehaus commented on freight rates and smaller items taking more to move.

Motion to adjourn by Troutman at 12:27pm, seconded by West. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Cook
Executive Director