



# WOTA – WESTERN OAKLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

205 W. LIVINGSTON RD., HIGHLAND, MI 48357

**MINUTES** of BOARD MEETING – **November 17, 2021 at 9:00 am** – Walled Lake City Offices, 1499 EW Maple Rd

AGENDA	PRESENTER	ACTION
1. Call to Order	9:17 RK	
2. Pledge of Allegiance		
3. Roll: CP, HJ, AS, KP, RH, RK, AM, KV. Also Liz Cantu, Art Frasca, Dennis Whitt; and MK on zoom, left @10:20.		
4. Approval of Agenda	AS Motion/HJ Approve, YAY: All.	
5. Approval of Consent Agenda	RH Motion/HJ Approve, YAY: All.	
a. Oct. 15, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes		
b. List of September & October Expenses		
c. September & October Bank Statements & Reconciliations		
6. Public Comment: N/A		
7. Director Report & Monthly Rider Stats: Bi-monthly ridership status report by community		
8. Old Business		
a. Purchased vehicle updates, pending plates -- RK. Plates are on way from Lansing, 90 Min @ SoS, WOTA is now registered.		
b. Act 196 authority status update? – Mark. We are officially a 196 Authority.		
c. Oakland County one of 5 Urbanized Counties in Michigan (with over 400,000 residents makes OC communities/services ineligible for Rural Task Force (RTF) Funds.) What can you Township Supervisors and City Officials do to change this? SEMCOG? RTA? SMART? MDOT?		
d. Grants and lack of RTA/SMART support: NEED 5311 Rural and/or 5307 Urban Formulary Grants, open now. Elected officials need to speak out for WOTA funding, grants, LBO, etc. Next step? (Include Kim at meetings/on calls). HOT: CARES Act Funds through SMART, require meeting with Ryan Byrne/Robert Cramer, should not be a problem to get approved by SMART Board Dec. 2. Put meeting HIT lists together for board members for other funding opportunities. Any Board member can reach out to acquire funds. Need assistance with 5311/5307 Grant Writing & preparation list. RK: KV reach out for grant writing assistance.		
9. New Business		
a. Cameras and other safety issues. CARES Act request? Federal Funds allowance? Sponsorships? KV to put together prices. No longer an option, need to have for safety of staff and riders.		
b. SEMCOG – TIP (Transportation Improvement Program). RK to follow-up through SEMCOG, and include KV.		
c. 2022 Closed and Board Meeting Schedules (includes in-service days). Approve all closed days and Board meeting dates per handout. RK Motion/AS Approve, YAY: All.		
10. Budget: 2022 Proposed Budget – Finalize and approve. Tabled per RK. Set another Special Budget Meeting before Dec. 15 Regular Board date.	RK Motion/RH Approve, YAY: All	

- a. Ridership per community 2020 & 2021. *Waterford more than doubles all other communities: ridership, buses, costs. Communities need to go back to boards and see what they can add, then report numbers to KV to update budget.*

11. Board Member Commentary/Discussion: *RH we need to be proactive in promotion WOTA and getting on the map. No one put up a fuss until WOTA came along. AM reminded the strength is in the riders, the voters, the tax payers.*

12. Next Meeting Date

- a. Next scheduled meeting is **9 am, December 15, 2021** at White Lake Annex, 7525 Highland Rd (behind township building).
- b. Special Budget Meeting to be scheduled before regular board meeting, date TBD.

13. Adjournment

11:00 *RK Motion/RH Approve, YAY: All*