

## **BATA Organizational Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**Location:** BATA Transfer Station, 115 Hall St. Traverse City, MI

**Date/Time:** 1:00PM, Thursday, January 30, 2025

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson John Somnavilla at 1:01 PM.

### **2. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**

### **3. Roll Call**

- John Somnavilla - PRESENT
- Wayne Schmidt – PRESENT
- Gwenne Allgaier - PRESENT
- Joe Underwood – ARRIVED @ 1:02
- Scott Sieffert - PRESENT
- Brad Jewett - PRESENT
- Lance Boehmer - PRESENT

### **4. Oath of Office for New Members**

Lance Boehmer took his Oath of Office.

### **5. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Brad Jewett and supported by Gwenne Allgaier to approve the January 30, 2025, Annual Organizational Meeting as presented.

- Ayes: 7
- Nays: 0
- Motion Carries: 7-0

### **6. 2025 Election of Officers**

John Somnavilla nominated Wayne Schmidt for Chairperson, seconded by Gwenne Allgaier. No other nominations were offered.

- Ayes: 7
- Nays: 0

- Motion Carries: 7-0

Brad Jewett nominated Joe Underwood for Vice Chairperson.

- Ayes: 5 – Lance Boehmer, Brad Jewett, Scott Sieffert, Joe Underwood, and Wayne Schmidt.
- Nays: 2 -John Somnavilla and Gwenne Allgaier
- Motion Carries: 5-2

Gwenne Allgaier nominated John Somnavilla for Vice Chairperson.

- No vote taken.

Lance Boehmer nominated John Somnavilla for Secretary. John Somnavilla declined.

Scott Sieffert nominated Lance Boehmer for Secretary. No other nominations were offered.

- Ayes: 7
- Nays: 0
- Motion Carries: 7-0

## **7. First Public Comment**

Richard Cochrun wished the Board well and encouraged the removal of politics from BATA. He urged Grand Traverse County to adhere to the agreement of one commissioner per county and put the lawsuit aside. He expressed gratitude for his time serving on the Board.

## **8. Regular Board Meeting Calendar for January 2025 – January 2026**

Moved by Lance Boehmer and supported by Gwenne Allgaier to approve the Regular Board Meeting Calendar for January 2025 to January 2026 as presented.

- Ayes: 7
- Nays: 0
- Motion Carries: 7-0

## **9. Collection of Annually Signed Documents – Board Member Rules & Responsibilities and Conflict of Interest.**

Board Members submitted signed Rules & Responsibilities and Conflict of Interest forms.

## **10. Second Public Comment**

Bruce Moore congratulated the Board on 48 days without a court appearance by a Board member.

#### **11. Directors Comments/Open Floor**

Gwenne Allgaier stated that Leelanau County trusts Grand Traverse County to send one commissioner. She expressed concern over the cost of the lawsuit and emphasized leaving politics out of BATA.

Lance Boehmer introduced himself, noting his background in transit and excitement about serving on the Board.

Chris Davis thanked the Board for trusting her as Interim Executive Director and welcomed the opportunity.

#### **12. Adjournment**

Moved by Brad Jewett to adjourn the January 30, 2025, Annual Organizational Meeting of the BATA Board of Directors at 1:28 PM.

Meeting Minutes Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Minutes Approved on: \_\_\_\_\_

Lance Boehmer, Secretary:  2/27/25 \_\_\_\_\_