



Administrative Staff Memorandum
BATA Annual Organizational Meeting Minutes
115 Hall Street, Traverse City, Michigan 49684
Thursday, January 26, 2023 @ 1:00pm

1. Call to Order - Richard Cochrun
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cochrun at 1:03 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a Moment of Silence observed.
3. Roll Call

Richard Cochrun	Present
John Somnavilla	Present
Robert Fudge	Present
Heather Harris-Brady	Present
Brad Jewett	Present
Joe Underwood	Present
Jamie Kramer	Absent
4. Oath of Office for New Members – Oath of Office taken and recorded.
Introduction to Joe Underwood – Representing GTCO January 1. Looking forward to being involved. Involved in other authorities around town. Road Commission, no conflict of interest foreseen. Board Introductions concluded.
5. Approval of Agenda [\[page 2\]](#)
 - a. BATA Annual Organizational Meeting Agenda

On a Motion made by Brad Jewett and seconded by Robert Fudge, The BATA Board of Directors approves the Agenda for the January 26, 2023 Annual Organizational Meeting as presented. No discussion needed.

MOTION CARRIES: 6-0

6. 2023 Election of Officers (open floor nominations) – Richard Cochrun

Richard opened the floor for nominations for the following: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary.
John Somnavilla re-nominated Richard Cochrun to the Chairman position, Richard accepts the nomination. No additional nominations were made.
Richard re-nominated John Somnavilla to the Vice-Chairman position, John accepts the nomination. No additional nominations were made.
Richard nominated Robert Fudge to the Secretary position, Robert accepts the nomination. No additional nominations were made.

On a Motion made by Brad Jewett and seconded by Heather Harris-Brady, The BATA Board of Directors approves the re-election of Richard Cochrun to the

position of Chairman, the re-election of John Sommavilla to the position of Vice Chairperson, and the election of Robert Fudge to the position of Secretary."

MOTION CARRIES: 6-0

7. First Public Comment*

Justin Reed, Traverse City. 630 A 1B 49684

Rides the bus often, appreciates the Bayline. Often receives comments from other riders who appreciate the bus service. Questions about reconstruction of US-31 and how it may impact the Bayline route. Understanding is part of the project is making Delmar one way to Central, opposite traffic will go on 8th street. MDOT discussion on changes with projects for next year.

7. County Appointments

a. Grand Traverse County Appointment of Joseph Underwood

On a Motion made by Brad Jewett and seconded by Robert Fudge, The BATA Board of Directors receives Grand Traverse County Appointment of Joseph Underwood.

MOTION CARRIES: 6-0.

b. Grand Traverse County Appointment of Brad Jewett

On a Motion made by Joseph Underwood and supported by John Sommavilla, The BATA Board of Directors receives Grand Traverse County Appointment of Commissioner Brad Jewett.

MOTION CARRIES: 6-0.

c. Leelanau County Appointment of Jamie Kramer

On a Motion made by Brad Jewett and supported by Heather Harris-Brady, The BATA Board of Directors receives Leelanau County Appointment of Commissioner Jamie Kramer.

MOTION CARRIES: 6-0.

8. Regular Board Meeting Calendar for February 2023 – January 2024 [\[page 5\]](#)

The calendar is the same as last year with the exception of March 16th being moved to a strategic planning meeting.

Discussion was had on the location of meetings being at Hall St for all but the 1 meeting held in Leelanau County. Joe Underwood believes the Board should meet in Leelanau County at least quarterly.

Leelanau County representatives are encouraged to speak to their constituents on if there is a need to have additional meetings in Leelanau County. John Sommavilla will connect with chairperson Jamie Kramer.

This conversation will continue next month on the agenda under Old Business.

On a Motion made by Brad Jewett and supported by Joe Underwood, The BATA Board of Directors approves the Regular Board Meeting Calendar for February 2023 thru January 2024 as presented, with the understanding that there will be further discussions in the future regarding meeting location.

MOTION CARRIES: 6-0.

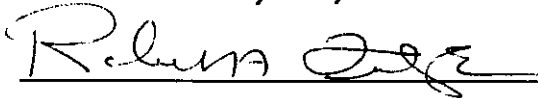
9. Collection of Annually Signed Documents – Board Member Roles & Responsibilities and Conflict of Interest Statements
Board Members signed needed documents and provided them to Britny Schwartz, the recording secretary.
10. Second Public Comment*
None
11. Directors Comments/Open Floor
Discussion was had regarding the decision made to appoint Joe Underwood to the Board by The Grand Traverse County Commissioners to replace Linda Joppich. It was noted that Joe's extensive knowledge of transportation as well as Policy knowledge will be very beneficial to the Board and Organization.

A recommendation was made to record meetings, so they are available to the public. The Governance Committee will discuss at their next meeting in February.

12. Adjournment
On a Motion made by Brad Jewett and seconded by Robert Fudge, The BATA Board of Directors moved at 1:29pm to adjourn the January 26, 2023, Annual Organizational Meeting.

MOTION CARRIES: 6-0.

Approved on 2/23/23



Robert A. Fudge, Secretary