

**BIG RAPIDS DIAL-A-RIDE PUBLIC TRANSIT  
LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
APPROVED MINUTES  
April 12, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 9:18 A.M. by Chairman Gordon Telfer.

**PRESENT:** Gordon Telfer, Mary Vogt, Mary Sautter, Merrilee Hill-Kennedy

**ABSENT:** Ginny Spedowske

**STAFF:** Dawn Fuller, DART Transportation Supervisor, Roger Schneidt, Deputy Director of Public Works, Paula Weipert, Council Secretary

**ABSENT:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Motion by Mary Vogt, seconded by Merrilee Hill-Kennedy, to approve the January 12, 2016 minutes with corrections. Motion passed.*

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**Discount Ticket Sales Update:** Dawn reported on discount ticket book sales at the Dial-A-Ride office and from bus drivers for the year. The information presented reflects ticket books that are purchased during the first 6 business days of each month. These ticket books are sold at a 20% discount. Sales are up from the same time last year.

**Passengers Update and Revenue Update:** Dawn presented the Council members with the quarterly update on total passenger data. The data shows that ridership and revenue has decreased slightly from the same time last year. The fluctuation in passenger #'s can be caused by many factors such as weather, school schedules, etc... Another possible reason is the new agreement that the City has with MOTA and the demand response they now offer.

**Safe Ride:** Dawn reported a slight decrease in ridership however, overall numbers look good. This program is successful and will continue.

**Quarterly Report:** Dawn presented the quarterly report which reflects the total numbers of passengers broken into categories of ridership; regular, senior, disabled, etc.... Dawn sends this report to the State on a quarterly basis. She reported that fuel costs are still way down thus saving money.

**Ferris Shuttle - Update:** Dawn reported that numbers are up and it is a very good program. She is looking to renew contract as the program has been quite successful and she would like to see it continue.

**UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS:**

Dawn and Roger attended a meeting regarding Small Urban Funds. The group prioritized the projects that they would like to see occur with these funds. The proposal is due April 29.

Dawn reported on a new driver, Mike Scsavnicki. He previously had worked as a seasonal for DPW in the parks.

Roger updated the Council on the bridge construction.

MDOT will be paving N. State Street from Maple Street north to 19 Mile Road.

Roger spoke on the drainage issue that is occurring near the Nisbett building along the curb by the bus stop. He explained how it will need to be fixed. Maple Street (M-20) is a State road and the City would need their permission to work on this portion of the road. Funding from them for this would be unlikely as it is for aesthetic reasons only.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Next meeting will be July 12, 2016 at 9:00 A.M in the Nisbett Building downtown.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 A.M.

Minutes submitted by Paula Weipert.