

CASCO BAY ISLAND TRANSIT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF
February 25, 2021
Video/Phone in only due to COVID-19

Directors on Conference: Anderson, Braden, Clark, Cohen, Crowley (late), Doane, Higgins, Luedke, Murray, Overlock, Pizey, Wentworth,

Directors absent:

Public on Conference: L. Heinemann, F. Somers, J. Hoffman, C. Hoppin, J. James, J. Wyant, C. Chess

Staff on Conference: Greven, Mavodones, Berg, Pottle

Guest:

1. Call to Order:

- A. *The Board meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by President Braden and it was noted that the meeting was being recorded.*
- B. *President Braden asked Berg to share who was attending the meeting with everybody which he did.*

2. Approve the minutes of the February 4, 2021 Board of Directors meeting

- A. *President Braden asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes.*
- B. *Doane moved to approve the minutes, Wentworth seconded.*
- C. *President Braden opened the floor for public comments and there were none.*
- D. *President Braden opened the floor for Board comments and there were none.*
- E. *President Braden called for a roll call vote.*
- F. *Berg did a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously (11-0, Crowley had not joined yet)*

3. Business

- A. *Public Comment period regarding General Manager's 2020 performance*
 - i) *President Braden explain the purpose for agenda item.*
 - ii) *President Braden opened the floor to Public comment.*
 - (1) *Hoffman spoke in favor and asked if goals were published.*
 - (2) *Chess thanked everyone for posting meeting material.*
- B. *Consideration and action regarding the Delegation of Authority to the Board Vice President and General Manager*
 - i) *Berg explained this motion was the same as voted on in the previous month.*
 - ii) *President Braden asked if there was a motion (in accordance with the Board packet page 8)*
 - iii) *Overlock made a motion to approve, Doane seconded.*
 - iv) *President Braden opened the floor to public comment; There were no comments.*
 - v) *President Braden opened the floor to Board comment: There were no comments.*
 - vi) *President Braden called for a roll call vote.*
 - vii) *Berg did a roll call vote. The motion passed (11-1) (Cohen voted against)*
- C. *Consideration and action regarding construction of the new Peaks Island vessel*
 - i) *Berg presented the scope, desired outcome, funding, PDR specifications, and propulsion system update*
 - ii) *Pottle presented an overview of the final design, conceptual models and a summary of the recent feedback received from the public*
 - iii) *President Braden asked if there was a motion (in accordance with the Board packet pages 10 & 11)*
 - iv) *Doane made a motion to approve, Overlock seconded.*
 - v) *President Braden opened the floor to public comment.*
 - (1) *Sommers asked about the timeline.*
 - (2) *Hoffman suggested offering reason for choices made and parameters.*
 - (3) *Wyant spoke about seating arrangements.*
 - (4) *Caron was concerned about the heat in the cabins in the summer.*
 - (5) *Hoppin spoke in favor.*
 - vi) *President Braden opened the floor to Board comment.*
 - (1) *Overlock asked if Peaks Island representatives had a consensus about the new vessel*
 - (2) *Clark spoke about the seating, windows, tables. MachigonneII disposition and passenger capacity. Pottle provided an explanation.*

- (3) Anderson spoke about vehicle capacity, finishes, getting rid of soda machine, source of funding for overages, battery replacement and the hybrid propulsion system. Berg & Pottle provided an explanation.
- (4) Crowley spoke about no ADA access on the 01 port cabin. Pottle provided an explanation.
- (5) Cohen supported what Anderson & Clark spoke to. She was not in favor of new vessel and suggested more workshops before proceeding. She read a statement from an anonymous source and asked about deployment in an emergency situation. Berg & Pottle provided an explanation.
- (6) Overlock shared that in his opinion there had been plenty of feedback opportunities.
- (7) Luedke thanked the staff, Board and public for their contributions to this process. He asked how long the vessel could be powered by the batteries and was concerned about the port 01 deck cabin accessibility. Pottle provide explanations.
- (8) Doane spoke in favor of proceeding to construction and reminded everyone that it is only a 15 minute transit.
- (9) Wentworth spoke about ADA and reminded everyone this is a work boat.
- (10) Higgins shared that the Maine State Ferry's new vessel accessibility is very similar to the proposed vessel for Peaks Island and it was reviewed and approved by MaineDOT's ADA department.
- (11) Braden was originally opposed but supported the Board's decision to proceed with PDR specifications and will vote in favor of the motion.

vii) President Braden called for a roll call vote.

viii) Berg did a roll call vote. The motion passed (10-2) (Cohen & Crowley voted against)

D. President Barden suggested that the reports be postponed until the March Board meeting due to the time.

4. Adjournment

- A. President Braden asked if there was a motion to adjourn.
- B. Doane moved to adjourn the meeting, Wentworth seconded.
- C. The motion passed unanimously (12-0) and the meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted by:



[Polly Wentworth \(Apr 9, 2021 14:19 EDT\)](#)

Polly Wentworth, Assistant Clerk