

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, January 4, 2010

PLACE: 4001 I-75 Business Spur
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rodney Richards Frank Sasso Ted Postula
Dennis Robinson Jack Kibble

MEMBERS ABSENT: None absent

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: Chuck Moser Akemi Gordon
Lynda Schexnayder Jim Dunn, Attorney

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ABSENT: None absent

OTHERS PRESENT: See attached sign in sheet.

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I. - II. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 4:05p.m. by Chairman Sasso. All directors were present.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES –December 7, 2009

With regard to Regular Board Meeting Minutes for December 7, 2009; **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Richards; **SUPPORTED** by Director Kibble to approve said minutes. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried.

Board Meeting dates for the year 2010 were presented and recommended for approval. **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Robinson; **SUPPORTED** by Director Postula to adopt said schedule as presented. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT-P.E.-November 30, 2009

Finance Director Gordon requested approval to open savings account at Central Savings Bank for self-funding portion of Health Insurance. **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Richards; **SUPPORTED** by Director Kibble to grant said request. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried. Gordon reported MEBS will draw out as claims come in and we will replenish funds as needed. (\$5,000.00). New Insurance will begin February 1st, 2010.

Gordon reported with regard to Indian Trails; month of December sales totaled \$4,445.95. EUPTA's 13% commission gave us \$577.97 for the month.

There was a question as to how the funds from Indian Trails are being recorded. It was decided to check with other agencies and see how they are recording this and bring it back to the board with a recommendation.

BUSSING

Gordon reported a 20% YTD decrease in passengers; 23% in Chippewa County and 7% in Luce County.

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FERRIES

Gordon reported with regard to vehicle traffic, a 3% decrease YTD at Drummond, a 4% increase YTD at Sugar and a 5% decrease YTD at Neebish.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Charles Moser gave an update on the condition of Head Captain Dan Cairns from Sugar Island, who has been very seriously ill and a patient at Mayo Brothers Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota for the past few weeks.

Moser reported assisting several vessels in the Drummond/Detour area in the past month. Vessels needing assistance were the Gott, Callaway, Barker and Tregurtha.

Moser gave an update on a light that was out on the cell at Neebish.

Moser reported Neebish II required Coast Guard cutter assistance with ice conditions last Saturday.

Moser reported a problem on the weekend with frozen pipes in the restrooms at the Museum in Detour.

Moser reported receiving 2 new buses to replace the two oldest cutaways. These were received just before the holidays. EUPTA will wait until spring and warmer weather to place the old buses up for bids.

Moser reported EUPTA received an increased amount of funding from Luce County. This year will be \$1,500 more. Moser called Kathy Mahar and asked her to pass along our thanks to the County Commission.

Moser reported our request for Chippewa County bus funding was approved at \$30,000. Moser called the Chippewa County administration and thanked them as well.

Moser gave an update on State Revenue issues. MPTA is planning to support legislation that will be introduced in the House soon.

VII. ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Dunn briefly discussed the State offices and turnover expected this year. Dunn reported that $\frac{3}{4}$ of the Legislature will be new people.

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At 4:45PM Attorney Dunn recommended going into Executive Session to discuss lawsuit.

Chairman Sasso asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss current lawsuit. **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Robinson; **SUPPORTED** by Director Kibble that this Board go into Executive Session. A Roll Call vote was taken at 4:45PM...

Director Richards: yes Director Postula: yes
Director Kibble: yes Director Robinson: yes Chairman Sasso: yes

UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

IT WAS MOVED by Director Kibble; **SUPPORTED** by Director Postula that this Board return to General Session. A Roll Call Vote was taken at 5:19PM...

Director Richards: yes Director Postula: yes
Director Kibble: yes Director Robinson: yes Chairman Sasso: yes

UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

At 5:19pm Chairman Sasso called the meeting back to order in "General Session".

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Board, **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Richards; **SUPPORTED** by Director Postula to adjourn. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 1, 2010 at 4:00p.m.

Ted Postula, Sec. /Treas.

Prepared By: Lynda Schexnayder