

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, May 3, 2010

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None absent

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: Chuck Moser Akemi Gordon Lyn Rairigh
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 4:00p.m. by Vice Chairman Richards. All Directors were present with the exception of Chairman Sasso who is running a little late.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES –April 5, 2010

With regard to Regular Board Meeting Minutes for April 5, 2010; **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Postula; **SUPPORTED** by Director Robinson to approve said minutes. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT-P.E.-March 31, 2010

Finance Director Gordon went over March financial statements.

BUSSING

Gordon reported while Chippewa bus is experiencing a decrease in passengers, Luce County on the other hand has picked up some riders with an increase of 688 passengers YTD.

FERRIES

Gordon reported vehicle traffic on the ferries has increased 5%, with an 8% increase in passengers. Drummond's vehicle and passengers are down this year, but Sugar's is really starting to jump back up again after a 3 year continual decrease. Neebish's fluctuate depending on what kind of winter we have and if we need to shut service down. Currently we have an increase in both passengers and vehicles on Neebish.

Gordon went over revenue and ticket graphs for all three ferries.

At this time Chairman Sasso arrived and took over the meeting.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Moser presented and recommended approval of resolution MDOT Project Authorization 2007-0204/Z21 FY 2010 Section 5311 Operating in order to record agreement of utilization of funds provided by the Federal Transit Administration, US Department of Transportation and MDOT in the

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amount of \$39,342. **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Kibble; **SUPPORTED** by Director Postula to approve said resolution. **UNANIMOUS**. Motion carried.

FERRIES

Moser reported speaking with Tony Schomin from AECOM last Wednesday. He reported they are not quite ready with preliminary plans yet. AECOM has requested a special meeting either May 19th or May 21st. Following a short discussion May 19th was chosen for a Special Meeting.

Moser reported we have renewed our 5 year agreement for use of the Dock Property on Neebish Island with the Army Corps of Engineers.

Moser reported the onboard inspection of Neebish II has been completed. Lyn and Brandon have this vessel in better shape than it has been in a long time. Apparently the Coast Guard is highlighting flotation devices in their inspection process this year as they are requiring us to replace all of our life jackets at Neebish. Other marine operators in the area are required to get new life jackets as well.

Moser reported Southshore Marine has indicated that this will be their last year of providing service. Rich Hill who had originally planned on staying around for one more contract has decided to retire. Moser has had inquiries as to whether we will be requesting proposals in regards to the service and is aware of at least one qualified applicant to date. Moser's thought is that by late summer or early fall, he will advertise for proposals for providing service beginning after the current contract ends, which is March 24, 2011.

Moser reported there are encouraging traffic reports at both bridges. The Mackinac Bridge is reporting traffic is up for 12 months in a row. Hopefully this is a trend that will continue.

Moser reported the Lions Club on Drummond is requesting our permission to build a viewing platform at the island side of Drummond. There was a short discussion regarding where this should be. No action was taken. A meeting will be set up to discuss this with those involved.

Moser reported working on 3 policies that need board action. They are the Advertising Policy, Handicap Policy and Fare Waiver Policy. Moser would like these in the "DRAFT" form as soon as possible so we can get them adopted.

BUSSING

Moser informed the board of an alleged huffing incident that occurred on one of our buses. The individual will no longer be riding our bus.

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VIII. ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Dunn went over the Advertising Policy, Handicap Fare Policy, and Fare Waiver Policy. Dunn will provide directors with "drafts" of these policies to review before taking board action.

At 5:10 PM Chairman Sasso asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Richards; **SUPPORTED** by Director Kibble that this board go into Executive Session. A Roll Call vote was taken at 5:10PM

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

UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

IT WAS MOVED by Director Postula; **SUPPORTED** by Director Richards that this board return to General Session. A Roll Call vote was taken at 5:54PM...

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

UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

At 5:54 Chairman Sasso called the meeting back to order in "General Session".

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Board, **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Postula; **SUPPORTED** by Director Richards to adjourn. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2010 at 4:00p.m.

Ted Postula, Sec. /Treas.

Prepared By: Lynda Schexnayder