

# Regular Board Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** Wednesday, July 7, 2010

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

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

**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 4:00p.m. by Chairman Sasso. All Directors were present.

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Doreen Freeborn asked for a breakdown of number of vehicles, riders, trucks, employees and walk on passengers that crossed at the ferries for first six months of this year.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES –June 7, 2010**

With regard to Regular Board Meeting Minutes for June 7, 2010; **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Richards; **SUPPORTED** by Director Kibble to approve said minutes. **UNANIMOUS**. Motion carried.

### **V. FINANCIAL REPORT-P.E.-May 31, 2010**

Finance Director Gordon went over May financial statements.

### **BUSSING**

Gordon reported passenger counts are down 3,949 for the year or 11%. Chippewa is down 4,821 and Luce County has an increase of 872. We've still been able to keep the bus system running with a surplus so far this year. Our JARC grant is slightly higher than last year, the Indian Trails commission has helped us with our revenues and the onetime 2.5% additional federal operating assistance has also helped. Overall total revenues are up 2.31% and our expenses have also increased 3.71%.

### **FERRIES**

Gordon reported we still have around \$105,000 deficit to make up this summer. A year ago our deficit at this time was around \$58,000 so we're \$47,000 further in the red. Although all the counts aren't in yet from the July 4th weekend, Gordon was told the ferries were very busy keeping up with the traffic. Through the end of May the vehicle traffic has increased 8%. There was some discussion regarding the current surcharge. No action was taken.

Gordon reported she will be working on the budgets for FYE 2011 with hopefully a "draft" available at the August meeting with final approval in September.

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### **VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Moser presented and recommended approval of Resolution #2007-0204/Z5/R1 for the purpose of extending contract for six months. This is a 5309 Federal Earmark for ferry docks architectural and engineering and construction. These are the funds that we are using to pay AECOM for the design work that will be paid for with the ARRA or Stimulus Funding. The amount of contract is \$62,700; Federal being \$50,160 and State being \$12,540. **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Richards; **SUPPORTED** by Director Kibble to approve said resolution. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried.

### **BUSSING**

Moser reported EUPTA has been working on ways to promote ridership on the bus system, especially here in Chippewa County. One idea is to have a "free ride" day. July 23rd is a date under consideration. This would give us enough time to get flyers made up and distributed.

### **FERRIES**

Moser updated the board on contact from MDOT's endangered species specialist with regard to plant life in the Sugar Island area and we are now cleared for activity there. Neebish Island is cleared as well.

Moser updated the board on damage at Neebish site. Looks like total repairs will cost around \$70,000 in regards to fixing Neebish II and replacing piling. EUPTA is waiting on a response to the FOIA request to USCG in regard to post accident Drug and Alcohol test and USCG written report, and also as to whether or not our claim for damages is going to be challenged by Purvis.

### **VIII. ATTORNEY REPORT**

Attorney Dunn spoke briefly on the introduction of House Bill 6294, which would eliminate the 10% Michigan Transportation Fund contribution to the Comprehensive Transportation Fund.

### **IX. 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

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adjourned at 4:37 pm. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 2, 2010 at 4:00p.m.

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Ted Postula, Sec. /Treas.

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