

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, October 4, 2010

PLACE: Luce County Courthouse
407 W. Harrie Street
Newberry, MI 49868

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

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.

BOARD MEETING

Page 2

October 4, 2010

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

Jesse Knoll (Chippewa County Commissioner) reported that a Luce County Commissioner asked him to inquire about the possibility of a handicap accessible vehicle being available in Luce County.

Rich Berch (Newberry resident) and Terri Hetrick (Newberry Assisted Living) spoke regarding the need for a handicap accessible vehicle in Luce County.

Lyn Rairigh explained what is currently operating in Luce County and that there has not been the need for a handicap accessible vehicle for several years. Director Moser reported that he believes Pathways has a handicap vehicle and perhaps we can cooperate with them until something can be done. Rairigh explained the procedure with LAC meetings held once a year, in January, to check on the needs of the public. Mr. Berch will be added to the list of people to attend this meeting. A representative from Pathways in Luce County is always invited to attend these meetings to advocate for the needs in their area. Financially EUPTA needs to justify the need in the area. Lyn Rairigh went over what is needed in order to explore this area.

Rich Berch offered to put an ad in the Newberry News and gather the needed information from local AFC homes and other areas as to their needs and get back to EUPTA.

IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES –September 8, 2010

With regard to Regular Board Meeting Minutes for September 8, 2010; **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Kibble; **SUPPORTED** by Director Postula to approve said minutes. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried.

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

Finance Director Gordon reported she will be attending procurement training this month. (FTA review) (Covered by RTAP grant).

BUSSING

Gordon reported Chippewa passengers are down 13% or 5,594 and Luce has an increase in passengers for the year of 1,294. There will be a little bit of reallocating at the end of the year to

BOARD MEETING

Page 3

October 4, 2010

reflect the mechanics wages and benefits between the bussing and ferries based on their actual hours. During the year it's estimated or based on the prior year. Depending on how much time was spent at each location, the expenses could increase or decrease in each class.

FERRIES

Gordon reported traffic for the month of August was slightly down on Drummond (904 vehicles), Sugar's was down 52 vehicles and Neebish Island's vehicles increased 164.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

BUSSING

Director Moser reported participating in a "media roundtable" in Marquette. In attendance were the Marquette Mining Journal, and two TV stations. Clark Harder, our Association's executive Director worked with our friends at the Marquette County Transit to facilitate this event, and acted sort of as moderator. He began by giving a historical background of how transit has been developed throughout the state, what the current state of transit is, and then highlighted the lack of any action to date on the recommendation made in Gov. Granholm's Transportation Funding Task Force project. Clark, who served as a State Representative through 1998, was a very good source to frame the main topic of discussion, as he was one of the sponsors of the legislation that raised revenue for transportation in Michigan. After Clark's historical overview, he introduced each of the 6 transit managers and gave us time to explain specifically what we do highlighting what benefits our systems bring to our local communities. We were also encouraged to provide any other comments that we desired. Moser explained that the bulk of our service is transportation for Pathways, HBH, and corrections officers, but also explained that we provide car ferry service to three islands as well. Moser did not see what was broadcast, but the article that ran in the Mining Journal was good and tended to be pretty supportive to U.P. Transit Systems.

Moser reported there seems to be a bit of animosity between FTA and MDOT which stems from a recent FTA audit where some deficiencies were found. MDOT's reaction to the audit findings has sort of made transit systems the victim. It has also made life difficult for our project managers. MDOT is asking for more documentation/justifications than ever and they are apparently changing procurement procedures. Akemi will be attending training this month to learn how procedures will change.

BOARD MEETING

Page 4

October 4, 2010

FERRIES

Director Moser reported the piling project at Neebish is complete. This was done by Friday which included removal of two boulders, 2-3 tons each. The project was completed with very little interruption in service. There was one resident that called MDOT.

Moser reported with regard to the Neebish System; the current operators will not be seeking to renew their contract in March of 2011. This will create a need to solicit proposals for a Neebish Operator.

VII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dunn briefly discussed the current issues concerning the ferry service to and from Mackinac Island.

Dunn reported the State Transportation Budget did not affect Marine Capital funds.

VIII. ADJOURNEMENT

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

Ted Postula, Sec. /Treas.

Prepared By: Lynda Schexnayder