

Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, October 3, 2011

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ted Postula Michael Herbst
Frank Sasso Dennis Robinson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jack Kibble

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

ADMINISTRATIVE None absent.
STAFF 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 with the exception of Director Kibble.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES –September 9, 2011

With regard to Regular Board Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2011; **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Postula; **SUPPORTED** by Director Herbst to approve said minutes. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT-P.E.-August 31, 2011

Finance Director Gordon presented and recommended approval of resolution for MDOT Contract 2012-0077/P1; Job Access and Reverse Commute Program Operating Assistance in the amount of \$30,070. **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Postula; **SUPPORTED** by Director Robinson to approve said resolution. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried.

BUSSING

Gordon reported Chippewa County rural bus has an 8% increase in passengers YTD and Luce County has a 4% increase. We have a 2.64% increase in total revenue and almost a 5% increase in expenses.

FERRIES

Gordon reported the ferry system is having a rough year. All three systems have experienced decreased fares, vehicles and passengers along with an increase in expenses of 7.23%. In addition, we will have to run the additional OPEB liability through the financial statements as a YE adjustment. This will in turn have to come out of our retained earnings.

Gordon reported she will be scheduling a post retirement health meeting in November and hopefully have a representative from MERS to help us look at other options.

Gordon reported she will have a "draft" year-end financial statement at the next meeting.

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VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FERRIES

Director Moser went over Insurance renewal (hull & pollution) due October 1st. Five quotes were received; we are staying with the current one.

Moser gave an update on the dry-dock for Sugar II. It is going quite well. Permission has been received from the Coast Guard to wait until spring for Drummond III to go into dry-dock.

Moser reported with regard to St. Mary's River Dock Project; the two remaining USACE permits were received today. Moser reported that we have not yet received permission from FHWA and MDOT to award the construction contract. MDOT may require the project to be re-bid as apparent low bidder was \$300,000 over the available budget. Moser and Jim Dunn are both looking for extra funding. AECOM is reviewing proffered permits and will have to submit some proposed changes. We do not want to replace damaged timber piling (Neebish) and will propose to extend the sheet piling out to where the cluster is now.

Moser reported proposals have been completed for ferry service for DeTour Schools and Sault Schools for the 2011-2012 school year.

BUSSING

Moser reported contract renewals have been completed for Pathways, HBH and NTI for 2011-2012.

Moser gave an update on accessible bus for Luce County.

Moser reported Rural Agencies are projected to receive 36.24 percent of eligible expenses; down 1/2%.

VII ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dunn distributed and went over "draft" of Fare Policy. Dunn would like to discuss this at the next meeting with a final decision to be made at December meeting.

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Dunn reported receiving notice of a federal grant in the amount of \$238,000 for DeTour property acquisition.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Board, **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Herbst; **SUPPORTED** by Director Postula to adjourn. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 7, 2011 at 4PM.

Ted Postula, Sec. /Treas.

Prepared By: Lynda Schexnayder