

Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, November 5, 2012

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack Kibble Ted Postula Michael Herbst
Frank Sasso Dennis Robinson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None absent

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: Chuck Moser Akemi Gordon
Lynda Schexnayder James 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

Jeff Franks inquired about the possibility of a multi trip ticket for dual wheel pickup trucks. Director Moser stated he will be addressing this in his report.

Jesse Knoll reported he has ridden the Sugar Island Ferry 3 or 4 times since the new bumper was installed and noted it is a great improvement.

IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES –October 1, 2012

With regard to Minutes for October 1, 2012; **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Postula; **SUPPORTED** by Director Kibble to approve said minutes. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT-P.E.-September 30, 2012

GENERAL

Finance Director Akemi Gordon went over September FYE 2012.

BUSSING

Gordon reported the bus system had a 1% decrease in overall revenue and a 2% increase in expenses.

We spent almost \$16,000 more in fuel this past fiscal year. After all of the yearend adjustments required, we ended up with a \$14,638 loss.

FERRIES

Gordon reported the ferries experienced a loss of \$158,724 compared to a loss of \$127,323 last fiscal year. Even though we spent less on our expenses, the revenue was also down as well. All of which was the state reimbursement. When we reduce our expenses it also reduces our reimbursement.

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Gordon gave a detailed explanation of the current financial status of the post retirement health care fund and of the importance to change the wording in the current contract to rectify this situation as soon as possible. A new actuary needs to be completed once the wording is changed.

The biggest adjustment to our financial statements was the GASB 45 OPEB item. We are required to expense the entire amount of "ARC" Annual required contribution regardless of whether we actually paid it. In this case our ARC for this fiscal year was \$295,848. The amount we actually paid into our post retirement fund was \$79,905.55. The difference is still represented in our financial statements and shown as a long term liability until it is actually paid.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

BUS

Director Moser reported last week the County Commission held their Budget hearings for those agencies that have requests in for County funding. We are asking for \$30,000 for EUPTA bus operations again this year. We were scheduled for Thursday and Moser went and gave a yearend report and answered questions.

Moser reported waiting for release of lien from MDOT so that we can purchase a new mini-van for Newberry.

FERRY

Moser reported with regard to multi trip ticket for Dual Wheel Pickups. Eric McKerchie contacted Moser within the past month in regard to an issue with the rates we are currently charging for "Dual Wheel" pickups. He received further contact from Jeff Frank on the same issue and his letter was sent out with board members material. Moser informed both Eric and Jeff that he would bring the issue to the board. He did explain to Jeff that a public hearing is the usual way that fares are changed unless the board is implementing a surcharge. Moser gave an explanation on how the state subsidy is implemented. A lengthy discussion ensued. **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Kibble; **SUPPORTED** by Director Herbst to check into making an adjustment to the rate for Dual Wheel pickups at Sugar Island Chuck and Akemi speak with the crew to get more information regarding this issue and come back to the board next month with a recommendation. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried.

With regard to the St. Mary's River Ferry Dock upgrades, Chuck introduced Matt Drewek and Clint Martin from AECOM. Matt presented a detailed presentation with pictures on what they have done to date at Sugar and Neebish Island sites.

Discussion with regard to the low water levels followed.

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VII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dunn went over funding with regard to the Legislature.

Dunn spoke briefly regarding the auto related sales tax.

Dunn reported the Civil Rights issue with regard to handicap rates and oversized wheelchairs has been settled with no negative impact to EUPTA.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Board, **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Robinson; **SUPPORTED** by Director Kibble to adjourn. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 5:05pm. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 3, 2012 at 4PM.

Ted Postula, Sec. /Treas.

Prepared By: Lynda Schexnayder