

# Board Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** Monday, December 3, 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

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
STAFF ABSENT:** James Dunn, Attorney

**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**

Jesse Knoll reported this is his last meeting as a County Commissioner.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES –November 5, 2012**

With regard to Minutes for November 5, 2012; IT **WAS MOVED** by Director Postula; **SUPPORTED** by Director Kibble to approve said minutes. **UNANIMOUS**. Motion carried.

### **V. FINANCIAL REPORT-P.E.-October 31, 2012**

#### **BUSSING**

Finance Director Gordon reported there were no significant changes in either revenues or expenses for the month of October. Passengers increased 2% for the month. Even though we are still running one van in Newberry, we haven't seen a significant decrease in our passengers. There is a slight decrease from last year but we carried more passengers with one van for the month of October than we did in 09, 10 & 11. We are still working toward getting a replacement van. We've been waiting to hear if there is additional grant money to combine with the insurance proceeds to purchase a new van as opposed to a used one.

#### **FERRIES**

Gordon reported there was a 3% increase in vehicles and a 2% increase in passengers for the month of October. Fare revenue is up slightly and our state operating is down because our expenses are also down from a year ago.

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

Director Moser introduced Jeff Hagen, Eastern U.P. Regional Planning, to give us an update on the Little Rapids effort. Jeff explained how NOAA Grant is a study to see if there is a feasible way to restore Little Rapids. He went over environmental assessment and hydraulic floor modeling. He

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reported in May, 2013 NOAA should have completed their study. Hagen reported the Chippewa County Road Commission is in charge of the road. He addressed the low water issue and noted the sewage problem at Sugar Island is not an issue. Hagen reported there would be no change to EUPTA's operation in regard to water flow/ice flow issues.

Director Moser presented and recommended approval of the Board Meeting dates for 2013. **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Kibble; **SUPPORTED** by Director Robinson to approve dates as noted. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried.

### **BUS**

Moser reported we have received the "Release of Lien" for the van that was totaled in Newberry. We have also received the check from our insurance. We have turned this check over to MDOT who is supposed to be looking for additional funds that we can utilize to purchase a new replacement.

### **FERRY**

Director Moser gave an update on the St. Mary's River Ferry Dock Project. The work at Sugar Island is complete. The circular and rectangular sheet pile structures at Barbeau have been completed. Dredging at Barbeau and Neebish Island is complete pending consultant's survey. The Mechanical/Electrical Building at Barbeau is complete and the Contractor is working toward completion of the electrical and mechanical upgrades which is expected to be completed yet this year. All work necessary for safe operation of the ferry through the winter months has been completed. Work remaining includes: (1) installation of the permanent and temporary fenders at Barbeau and Neebish Island; (2) painting, and (3) installation of the remaining tire hangers and tires. We expect these items to be completed in the spring. During the week of December 3rd, the Contractor will be conducting post-dredging soundings on both sides. Testing the new hydraulic lines for the system at Barbeau is expected next week.

With regard to the dually issue, Moser recommended a 10 trip ticket rate of \$58.00. This will work out to about the same discount currently given at Drummond Island. Following a short discussion **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Kibble; **SUPPORTED** by Director Postula to approve said recommendation. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried.

Moser reported with regard to property purchase issue; after a lot of waiting we have finally been given verbal approval to pay for the initial appraisal of the Fogcutter Property. Next step will be to solicit an independent review of the appraisal which Moser will do as soon as he can pick up the initial appraisal.

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**VII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Dunn was not present. No report given.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business to come before the Board, **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Postula; **SUPPORTED** by Director Kibble to adjourn. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 4:52pm. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 7, 2013 at 4PM.

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Ted Postula, Sec. /Treas.

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Prepared By: Lynda Schexnayder