

Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday May 5, 2014

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

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

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. Attorney Dunn was absent.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES –April 7, 2014

With regard to Minutes for April 7, 2014; **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Postula; **SUPPORTED** by Director Herbst to approve said minutes. **UNANIMOUS**. Motion carried.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT-P.E.-March 31, 2014

Finance Director Gordon presented and recommended approval of Procurement Policy. Following a short discussion **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Postula; **SUPPORTED** by Director Kibble to approve said policy as presented. **UNANIMOUS**. Motion carried.

BUSSING

Gordon reported overall revenue is down 3.4% with expenses up 1.2%. we have around a \$1,400 surplus YTD. Overall passengers are down 1,100 or 4%. Chippewa's passengers have decreased 1,444 and Luce County passengers increased 344.

FERRIES

Gordon reported March was a difficult month with vehicles and passengers down 18% from the same month last year. Sugar Island ferry experienced the biggest decrease because of the interruptions in service due to the ice. There were five days in March where there were limited runs on the ferry. Neebish Island ferry was shut down the whole month where last year they were operating some service.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Moser reported with regard to Bolger's revenue package - MPTA has been working really hard to convince legislators that transit needs to be included in any increased funding for transportation. Seems like Clark Harder and MPTA's lobbyist have been making some progress. At least Clark seems to be feeling good about our chances. The Chamber is supporting our cause and so are the Roadbuilders.

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Moser reported he has been working on the RFP for getting a consultant onboard for the Neebish upgrade. He is waiting to hear back from MDOT's procurement office.

Moser reported each spring the PVA organizes meetings with various legislators in Washington. He attended this year for the first time. There were about twenty members from around the country that attended. They split up into groups and visited quite a few offices. Moser met with Congressman Benishek and Duncan Hunter in person. He met with Senator Stabenow's staff and the Legislative Aide for Congressman Jolly from Florida. Although Dr. Benishek is not on any of the Transportation related committees he and his legislative aide were very gracious and attentive to EUPTA's issues and interests. Senator Stabenow is not either; however she and her staff have been very helpful and supportive to our needs and issues in the past, especially when earmarking was still in practice. The other two Legislators, Jolly and Hunter are on important committees related to Marine Transportation and have either supported our efforts and or will be asked to in the future.

Moser reported we received a contract for a replacement bus today. It was a long time being processed.

Moser reported he put in a request through the Small Urban Cities program for funding to repave the approach to the mainland dock for Sugar Island. The city of the Sault appears to be interested in a restroom down there, possibly asking us to apply for the funding. They would like to see a restroom nearby as the ones on Rotary Island are in very bad shape. Moser told them maintaining them is an issue with EUPTA but that he would pass along their interest to the EUPTAB.

At this time Chairman Sasso opened the discussion to the proposed rate increases on the ferry systems. He went over the three "DRAFT" scenarios that were available at the Public Hearing on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at the Kinross Town Hall. Following a lengthy discussion **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Kibble; **SUPPORTED** by Director Postula to remain with the 10 & 20 trip scenario; with changes to the Drummond Tandem, Single axle and Dual truck tickets changing to a 20 trip rather than 10 trip. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried. Also **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Robinson; **SUPPORTED** by Director Postula to put these increases into effect as soon as we can get tickets printed and distributed to the ferries. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried.

VII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report given.

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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 4:55pm. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 2, 2014 at 4PM.

Ted Postula, Sec. /Treas.

Prepared By: Lynda Schexnayder