

Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday June 2, 2014

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ted Postula Michael Herbst
Dennis Robinson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Frank Sasso Jack Kibble

**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 Director Postula. Chairman Sasso and Director Kibble were absent.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES –May 5, 2014

With regard to Minutes for May 5, 2014; **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Robinson; **SUPPORTED** by Director Herbst to approve said minutes. **UNANIMOUS**. Motion carried. With regard to minutes for Public Hearing held May 1, 2014; **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Robinson; **SUPPORTED** by Director Herbst to approve said minutes. **UNANIMOUS**. Motion carried.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT-P.E.-April 30, 2014

BUSSING

Finance Director Gordon reported combined passengers are down 4% YTD, revenue is down 8%. Chippewa's fares are down 10% with passengers down 6%. Luce County's revenue is up 2% with passengers up 9%.

FERRIES

Gordon reported the fare increase took effect on Friday, May 23rd. So far the transition with the tickets went smoothly and both signs have new prices on them.

Combined fares were down 8% for the month of April and down 8% YTD. Vehicles and passengers were both down 7% for April and 7% and 5% respectfully YTD.

All three ferry system's experienced decreased traffic in both vehicles and passengers; some of which was weather related.

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VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Moser referred to April's meeting where he reported that Tim McKee was working with Freighter View Assisted Living to come up with a way to evacuate and transport residents during certain events such as flooding, prolonged power outages, fire, etc. Tim is coordinating this effort and Moser has met with him and the manager of Freighter View. They are requesting EUPTA sign a Memorandum of Understanding which is quite simple and straight forward. This would allow EUPTA to respond to Freighter View's needs to provide transportation with our buses. EUPTA would be reimbursed for reasonable costs for providing such service. EUPTA would transport to a destination that would be pre-arranged by OES and look to OES for direction for providing this service. Moser introduced Tim McKee to explain further and to answer any questions. Tim went over the evacuation plan and the Memorandum of Understanding Transportation Agreement. Attorney Dunn sees no problem with said agreement. Director Moser recommended approval of said agreement. **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Herbst; **SUPPORTED** by Director Robinson to approve Memorandum of Understanding Agreement. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried.

Director Moser reported with regard to Neebish II project; we are waiting on MDOT approval to issue a request for qualification (RFQ) for the purposes of procuring professional service (Naval Architect).

At this time Director Postula called for a motion to go into Closed Session to update the board on the current Union Contract. **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Herbst; **SUPPORTED** by Director Robinson to go into Closed Session. A Roll Call vote was taken at 4:45pm.

Director Herbst; yes

Director Robinson; yes

Director Postula; yes

IT WAS MOVED by Director Robinson; **SUPPORTED** by Director Herbst to return to Open Session. A Roll Call vote was taken at 4:55pm.

Director Herbst; yes

Director Robinson; yes

Director Postula; yes

At 4:55pm Director Postula called the meeting back to order in "Open Session".

VII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dunn spoke briefly regarding State funding with regard to transportation and the wholesale tax.

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Board, **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Robinson; **SUPPORTED** by Director Herbst to adjourn. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 4:56pm. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 7, 2014 at 4PM.

Ted Postula, Sec. /Treas.

Prepared By: Lynda Schexnayder