

Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday August 4, 2014

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ted Postula Jack Kibble
Dennis Robinson Frank Sasso

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Herbst (no replacement)

**ADMINISTRATIVE
STAFF PRESENT:** Chuck Moser Akemi Gordon
Lynda Schexnayder

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

OTHERS PRESENT: No public present

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I. - II. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 4:05p.m. by Chairman Sasso. All Directors were present with the exception of Mike Herbst who has recently resigned. There has been no replacement from Luce County yet.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES –July 7, 2014

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

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

IN GENERAL

Finance Director Gordon reported budgets for FYE 2015 will be in next board packet.

BUSSING

Gordon reported there is an 8% decline in fare revenue and a 3% decrease in passengers. Chippewa County is experiencing the majority of decreases in revenue and passengers. Gordon reported she and Lynda will be working on some analyses of some of our less used routes to determine whether some changes need to be made.

Gordon reported the bus system is barely breaking even.

FERRIES

Gordon reported total fares increased 7% for the month of June, but we're still down 3% for the year. Vehicles and passengers were both down for June and continue to be down for the year.

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Drummond had a decent June for revenue which brought the revenue to a 2% increase for the year.

Sugar's fares were down for June, tickets purchased in May before the increase are probably still being used.

Neebish fares were up for the month of June as well but still down 10% for the year. This is due to the difference in winter operations from last year.

Gordon went over financials for June, YTD and the 4th of July traffic.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

BUSSING

Director Moser reported two buses are prepared to sell with bids due Friday, August 8, 2014.

Moser gave an explanation regarding the retrospective adjustment; large claim that needed to be reserved very high.

FERRIES

Moser went over the Neebish II Upgrade Project. EUPTA solicited for a second time for a Naval Architect for the Neebish II vessel upgrade project and have thus far received five responses. The deadline is this Friday.

Moser reported MDOT-Passenger Transportation Division (PTD) has the responsibility of budgeting for all of the transit providers in the state. They have pretty wide discretion in regard to budgeting aside from what they are required to budget for by law, i.e., ferry operating for EUPTA and BITA. Currently rural systems are very concerned that PTD is more prone to under budget for rural transit operations and there have been questions in regard to PA 51 and the Comprehensive Transportation Fund (CTF). Questions such as how much authority does the PTD actually have, and how funding flows through the CTF. How formula funding is set up and how it works. MPTA's Rural Operators Committee has set up a one day training opportunity for transit managers that will give in depth information on how this works, the history of the transit funding program, etc. with Bill Hamilton, who is head of the Senate Fiscal Agency. He is recognized as one of if not the leading expert in the State in regard to transportation funding. The training is free and is set for August 12th. Moser is planning to attend.

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VII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report given.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Board, **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Robinson; **SUPPORTED** by Director Postula to adjourn. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at 4PM.

Ted Postula, Sec. /Treas.

Prepared By: Lynda Schexnayder