

Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority
8/1/2023

1. Call to Order:

Board Vice-Chair, Nick Huyck, called the August 1, 2023 meeting of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority Board to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call was taken:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nick Huyck, Joe Henne, and Lynda Garlitz

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Waltman, (excused); Brandon Wheeler (excused)

Those in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

3. Additions/Deletions to Agenda: Discussion. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote:

MOTION: Lynda Garlitz SECOND: Joe Henne	Approve Agenda with addition of Stolen vehicle update in Director's Report
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4. Public Comment: None

5. Minutes: It was moved and carried by unanimous vote:

MOTION: Joe Henne SECOND: Lynda Garlitz	Approve the July 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.
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6. Financial Report:

- Presented by Director Paramski in Finance Director's absence.
- Reviewed Electronic transfers and A/P checks.
- We received confirmation that the proceeds of the sale of the Neebish Islander II will stay with EUPTA. The history of funds used on the ferry over the years were not federal so they are allowing EUPTA to keep the proceeds
- Busing
 - YTD revenue is up almost 29%. Fare revenue increased 57%, expenses are up almost 11%.
 - Rides to Wellness is hitting it out of the park. Every month we get busier and busier. There is a lot of shuffling. Last week we had to turn three rides down due to all vehicles being out on runs.
- Ferries
 - YTD our total revenue is up 3.84%, fare revenue increased 2.8%. Expenses increased 7.25%.

- Vehicle traffic was up 6% in June and 4% for the year.
- Passenger traffic was up 5% in June and for the year

7. Director's Report:

- The stolen vehicle was found last week. Insurance paid us for the vehicle and the title was turned over to insurance. The car was found abandoned by Alma Police on the side of the road last November. They ran the plate and it came up stolen and was sitting there. The VIN was never run at that time. The towing company wanted vehicle gone and Alma police ran VIN. We received a call they knew where it was July 19. Pete asked if we could buy it back depending on condition. EUPTA Mechanic went to Alma to assess the vehicle. Vehicle was trashed and vehicle will not be purchased by EUPTA.
- Facility Update: Outside South Garage Walls are up. It will be totally enclosed by this Friday. Masonry work is done. Siding complete, cover trim on lighting, canopy. If you drive by it looks done, but the inside still has a bit to go. The overhead doors will onsite this week, and after they are installed, we will be able to lock up. Drywall 100% completed. Tile is being laid, lighting going in, drop ceilings, paint on drywall complete. The block walls are done in South Garage. Back garage is being worked on. We had a progress meeting a week or so ago. Fall of 2023 is still the estimated timeframe with November being the estimated timeframe of move in.
- Cashless Fare Update: Continuing to fix bugs in the system. Coming up with bugs as fast as we are fixing them. We are such a unique system. So many products, environmental conditions, etc. to work with. The device is struggling at this time. We will be meeting today with them. Discussed the issues that are popping up. The app portion is working pretty well. The devices need to reviewed and may need to step back.
- Neebish Updated: Review scenario of Neebish crew. Reviewed schedules of Neebish. The schedule changes four times. Looking at the idea of going to two schedules this will make it easier for customers. Coverage in the future is going to be difficult to have like we have currently. The current contract person lives on the island. Summer schedule is 16-hour days. Review 10 p.m. schedule runs. Monday – Thursday. Crew staying until 10:30 p.m. due to a run that has very few or no vehicles or people.

8. New Business: none

9. Board Comment:

- Lynda Garlitz

10. Adjournment: It was moved and carried by unanimous vote:

MOTION: Lynda Garlitz SECOND: Joe Henne	Adjourn the meeting at 11:20 AM.
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Lynda Garlitz, Secretary


Bonnie Kaunisto, Recording Secretary

Board Approved: