

Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority
Board Meeting Minutes
10/1/2024

I. Call to Order:

Board Chair, John Waltman, called the October 1, 2024 meeting of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority Board to order at 10:30 a.m.

II. Roll Call was taken:

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Waltman, Brandon Wheeler, Nick Huyck, Joe Henne, and Lynda Garlitz

MEMBERS ABSENT:

III. Pledge of Allegiance:

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

IV. Agenda: It was moved and carried by unanimous vote:

MOTION: Brandon Wheeler SECOND: Nick Huyck	Approve the October 1, 2024 agenda, as presented
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V. Public Comment:

- Bob Malpass
- Phyliss Reed
- Cele Malpass

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

MOTION: Joe Henne SECOND: Lynda Garlitz	Approve the September 10, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.
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VII. Finance Director Report:

- Ms. Gordon discussed the A/P and EFT transfers for August 2024. Transfer of Michigan Class Pool was completed. Yesterday, September 30, 2024, was the end of FY2024. Today, October 1, 2024, is the beginning of FY2025. Next month will be the year end draft financials
- Rural Bussing passenger counts were down 6%, and expenses are up 7%
Ferry vehicle counts are up 2% for the month of August and year-to-date they are up 3%. Passenger counts up 3% for year-to-date.
- Fares increased \$3,000 for August and year-to-date are up 6% for all three ferries. More to follow next month with the final year-end numbers

- Student Discount Policy change explained. Very small change action item for new business

VIII. Director's Report:

- The MPTA meeting was here on Sept 19 and 20th. Once a year a remote meeting takes place in the UP. Transit providers from all over Michigan attend. We were able to showcase our new facility to the transit directors from around the state. The business meeting was held at The EUPTA Office on Friday. MPTA Director, Clark Harder retired, effective yesterday. The new director has started.
- Director Paramski, Drummond Head Captain, and two mechanics traveled to Moran Iron Works last week, and were able to tour their facility. This is a shipyard in Michigan. They are interested in bidding on the Drummond V. The facility and operation are very impressive. The technology and automation are amazing. They employ 40 people full time. They have a Naval Architect on board at this facility.
- Director Paramski reported he is currently drafting the Drummond V RFQ. Once the draft is complete it will be sent to Lansing for review. The intention with the new ferry will be that Drummond will have two boats all summer, and one in the winter. The third boat will be the swing boat.
- Punch list for facility is still a work in progress. The plumber coming today to work on a few water issues.
- We have hired two new drivers in Luce, for Dial -A- Ride. We are hopeful they will be around for a long time.
- Great Lakes Passenger Vessel Conference is October 24-25 in Traverse City, and Director Paramski reported he will be attending.
- FYI, The November 5 board meeting is the same day as election day.

IX. New Business

Student Ticket Policy: Discussion. It was moved and carried by roll call vote to:

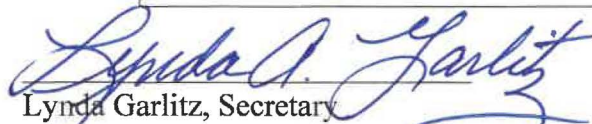
MOTION: Nick Huyck SECOND: Lynda Garlitz	Update the Student Ticket Policy with changes provided. Student discount will be equal to senior ticket prices.
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I. Board Comment:

- Joe Henne

II. Adjourn: It was moved and carried by roll call vote to:

MOTION: Joe Henne SECOND: Brandon Wheeler	Adjourn the meeting at 10:56 AM
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Lynda Garlitz, Secretary



Bonnie Kaunisto, Recording Secretary

Board Approved: 11/5/2024