

Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority  
Board Meeting Minutes  
12/3/2024

- Call to Order:

Board Chair, John Waltman, called the December 3, 2024 meeting of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority Board to order at 10:30 a.m.

- Roll Call was taken:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brandon Wheeler (excused)

- Pledge of Allegiance:

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

- Agenda: It was moved and carried by unanimous vote:

MOTION: Joe Henne SECOND: Nick Huyck	Approve the December 3, 2024 agenda, as presented
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- Public Comment:

- Jim Traynor
- Jim Martin
- Lori Miller

- Minutes: Discussion; It was moved and carried by unanimous vote:

MOTION: Lynda Garlitz SECOND: Nick Huyck	Approve the November 5, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes with the following changes; April 2024 to April 2025.
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- Finance Director Report:

- Ms. Gordon discussed the A/P and EFT transfers for October 2024. Audit will begin next week.
- Bussing: Reviewed graphs; bussing fares and passengers are down slightly from the previous year.
- Ferries: Fares, passengers, and vehicles are up slightly from the previous year.

- Director's Report:

- It has been a relatively quiet month aside from the quick onset of snow, making for the need for plowing. We continue working on the drain oil tank for

supplemental heating. There have been a few issues with installation. The hope is that by Friday it will be fully functional.

- The Drummond V Ferry RFQ process for the Naval Architect was completed and approved by Lansing. The next step is solicitation for a Naval Architect. They will be sent out this week.
- The Drummond III will be in drydock next spring. Director Paramski, along with the Head Captain and Mechanics will be working on a task list for the drydock. We should have a shorter task list with the Drummond Islander III and are expecting a shorter drydocking timeframe.
- Trainees at Sugar Islander II have begun to work on their own. This is a great addition and provide our crew with some relief.
- Information for the board; A resolution will be coming from Chippewa County Commissioners to try and secure funding from Lansing for the ferries and specifically for extending runs/services for Neebish Island. We will be looking to pass a resolution of board support for this resolution when it is passed from the Chippewa County Commissioners.

- New Business


- None


- Board Comment:

- Lynda Garlitz
- Joe Henne

- Adjourn: It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to:

MOTION: Lynda Garlitz SECOND: Nick Huyck	Adjourn the meeting at 10:49 AM
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Lynda Garlitz, Secretary

  
Bonnie Kaunisto

Bonnie Kaunisto, Recording Secretary

Board Approved: