

Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority
7/11/2023

1. Call to Order:

Board Chair, John Waltman, called the July 11, 2023 meeting of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority Board to order at 10:36 a.m.

2. Roll Call was taken:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

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: Joe Henne SECOND: Lynda Garlitz	Approve Agenda as presented
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4. Public Comment:

- Lawrissa Peterson
- Kristy McFarland
- Judy Linderman
- Cele Malpass
- Simon Langner

5. Neebish Island Improvement Association Presentation: Phylis Reed, David Livingston, Bob Malpass

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

MOTION: Lynda Garlitz SECOND: Brandon Wheeler	Approve the June 6, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.
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7. Financial Report:

- Finance Director Gordon reviewed the May, 2023 Financials and the EFT transfers and A/P Checks. No questions. The check to OHM and RCL are 100% reimbursed with grant funding.
- Bussing – Continues to do well with YTD fares increasing 54% for year-Passengers increased 17% for May and 9% for the year.

- Ferries- Fare revenue is up 2% and expenses increased 8% for the year. Working on the FY2024 budgets is difficult due to unknowns. We should be looking into a rate adjustment to cover the increased costs we are experiencing. It's been 3 years since our last adjustment and the rate of inflation over the past three years is almost 19%.

8. Director's Report:

- Facility Update: South garage walls are up and some framework on roof is complete. Stonework on front was completed last week. Block interior walls in garage are up. Most windows and doors in.
- Cashless Fare Update: Still making progress but slow. Two steps forward, one step back it seems. Looking into bugs. Deckhands are doing well with the change. End of shift close out is more complicated. We have a way to go yet before this is ready for full implementation.
- State Budget Update- Legislators new state budget proposal went to the governors desk on June 28th for signing. The line item for the new Drummond boat got omitted. There is a fifty-million-dollar line item for infrastructure. Our legislators are hoping we can capture some of the that money for the ferry boat. Still hopeful. Speaking with folks in Lansing and ~~others~~ and they feel it is a priority.
- Summer season annual USCG inspections are underway. NEEBISH III was in June and went well. Minor deficiencies cleared in 24 hours. Sugar Islander inspection is on July 19, 2023.

9. New Business: none

10. Board Comment:

- Lynda: Suggest board members to ride with captains to familiarize self with ferry system.
- Joe Henne: Dial A Ride and EUPTA questions. Agenda next meeting.

11. Motion to Break: Break It was moved and carried by unanimous vote:

MOTION: Lynda Garlitz SECOND: John Waltman	Adjourn the meeting at 11:10 AM.
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12. New Facility Tour: 11:10 a.m.

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

MOTION: Joe Henne SECOND: Lynda Garlitz	Adjourn the meeting at 12:12 PM.
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Lynda Garlitz, Secretary


Bonnie Kaunisto, Recording Secretary

Board Approved: