

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, December 6, 2010

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ted Postula Jack Kibble Frank Sasso
Dennis Robinson Rodney Richards

MEMBERS ABSENT: None absent

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: Chuck Moser Akemi Gordon
Lynda Schexnayder Jim, Dunn, Attorney

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ABSENT: None absent

OTHERS PRESENT: See attached sign in sheet.

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I. - II. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 4:00p.m. by Chairman Sasso. All Directors were present.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Willis questioned the outcome of the engineers study. Moser reported he will be addressing this in his report.

Chairman Sasso presented and recommended approval of the Board Meeting dates for 2011. **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Robinson; **SUPPORTED** by Director Postula to approve dates as noted. **UNANIMOUS**. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES –November 1, 2010

With regard to Regular Board Meeting Minutes for November 1, 2010; **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Richards; **SUPPORTED** by Director Kibble to approve said minutes. **UNANIMOUS**. Motion carried.

At this time, Director Chuck Moser introduced Mark Gill, Director of Vessel Traffic Services. Mark is a civilian working with the US Coast Guard. Mark gave a detailed explanation of ice breaking procedures and the 4 tiers and how they work.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT-P.E.-October 31, 2010

Finance Director Gordon gave an update on Actuary for Retirement Health Fund for FYE 2011-2012-2013. Fund pays for the actuary fee; with a discount for being a MERS member.

BUSSING

Finance Director Gordon reported passengers weren't down as much-168 in Chippewa County and up 50 passengers in Luce County.

FERRIES

Gordon reported vehicles were down 702 in October. Passengers were down 778 in October. Drummond increased by 208; Sugar decreased by 976 and Neebish increased by 66.

EUPTA received a retrospective refund of \$3,700.00 from Michigan Transit Pool.

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VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

BUSSING

Director Moser reported he and Finance Director Gordon attended the Chippewa County Commissioner's Budget Working Session last week with regard to request for County funding. They reported on the past year of our bus service in Chippewa County and updated them on the current financial status. They explained the value that we feel our transit service is to the community, especially in regard to what we have to offer HBH, NTI and the Department of Corrections. Also reported was the good success EUPTA has had with the first year as an agent and transfer station for Indian Trails. They thanked them for their past financial support and hoped that they would continue.

FERRIES

Moser updated the board on the Stimulus Project. Matt Drewek from AECOM will be here tomorrow to go over plans for the Dock renovation project. He is working on advancing the design plans to the permit stage so that the project will not be held up awaiting approval from the state or the feds. Hopefully he'll be prepared to present final design by our January meeting so we can move closer to beginning the project early in the upcoming construction season.

Moser gave an update on the TWIC cards. They may not apply to us.

Moser gave an update on vessel inspections. Drummond III is today and Sugar is tomorrow.

Moser reported on November 21st there was an incident with a fire on a foreign vessel, the Spar Jade, coming downriver. A crewmember on the Spar Jade put out the fire and removed his breathing apparatus too soon; rendering him unconscious from smoke inhalation. The Drummond Islander III pulled alongside the vessel and got the crewmember off to a waiting ambulance. Congrats to Captain Rockie Taghon and deckhand James Geyer for a great job. The victim has since been released from the hospital. It has been reported that if he had not received medical attention when he did he would have died within 3 hours.

Moser gave an update on vehicle damage repairs. We have resolved all the third party property damage claims that resulted from the landing incident at Sugar Island. Wellington Maritime has been retained by RLI our Marine Insurance Provider, to give a full assessment of damages which will include all repair costs including damage to the vessel, and docks.

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VII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dunn reported there is a lot happening at the state level at this time.

Dunn spoke briefly of a budget document floating around with regard to eliminating the CTF fund.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Board, **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Richards; **SUPPORTED** by Director Postula to adjourn. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 3, 2011 at 4PM.

Ted Postula, Sec. /Treas.

Prepared By: Lynda Schexnayder