

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, February 14, 2011

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ted Postula Jack Kibble Frank Sasso
Dennis Robinson Michael Herbst

MEMBERS ABSENT: None absent

**ADMINISTRATIVE
STAFF PRESENT:** Chuck Moser Akemi Gordon
Lynda Schexnayder

**ADMINISTRATIVE
STAFF ABSENT:** James Dunn, Attorney

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. New board member, Michael Herbst, from Luce County introduced himself. Mr. Herbst will replace long time board member Rodney Richards. Chairman Sasso recommended and **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Postula; **SUPPORTED** by Director Kibble that a letter of thanks be sent to Rodney for his many years of service. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried. Rodney served as Vice Chairman on the EUPTA board. There was a short discussion regarding a replacement for this position. This was tabled and will be decided within the next 90 days.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Willis asked if the plans have been finalized on the Sugar Island Docks. Director Moser will address this in his report.

IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES –January 3, 2011

With regard to Regular Board Meeting Minutes for January 3, 2010; **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Postula; **SUPPORTED** by Director Robinson to approve said minutes. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried.

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

Finance Director Gordon recommended raising the NSF fee for checks that are returned to us from \$20.00 to \$30.00. Following a short discussion **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Robinson; **SUPPORTED** by Director Postula to approve this recommendation. **UNANIMOUS.** Increase will take effect immediately. Current policy will be amended.

BUSSING

Finance Director Gordon presented and recommended approval of Resolution of Intent to apply for state operating assistance to provide local transportation for fiscal year 2012. We've applied for \$191,263 in state operating funds and \$82,046 in federal operating funds. We've budgeted \$171,700 in fare box revenue, \$38,000 in local funds and \$7,000 in other funds (freight & misc. fees). Our expenses are budgeted at \$487,787. **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Postula; **SUPPORTED** by Director Kibble to approve said resolution. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried.

Gordon reported we have a contract for one bus and we are waiting on a contract for one more. In the application we have applied for a total of 4 busses and various support equipment.

Chairman Sasso asked about the request at the October board meeting for a lift equipped bus in Luce County. Gordon reported this has been applied for, but this takes time. A short discussion ensued.

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Rich Berch, Luce County resident requesting the lift equipped bus was invited to participate in the LAC meeting held in January. Mr. Berch did not attend the LAC meeting.

FERRIES

Gordon reported fares, vehicles and passengers are all down from a year ago.

Gordon reported 2012 Marine application and JARC are due March 1st. They will be covered at March meeting.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Moser updated the board on the problem with the cams on Drummond Islander IV.

Director Moser introduced Steve Kildal and his wife, Pam. Moser explained to the new board member how the Neebish Island Ferry System operates. The present contract for Neebish Island Ferry expires March 24th. Proposals were solicited in November, 2010. Moser went over and recommended that EUPTA accept the proposal submitted by Steve Kildal. There was a short question/answer period. The schedule will remain the same and will have the same clause when/if the boat is shut down in the winter. The Kildals live on the island side and intend to overnight the vessel on the island side. **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Postula; **SUPPORTED** by Director Kibble to accept proposal submitted by Steve Kildal. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried.

Moser reported attending the annual PVA meeting held in St. Louis, Missouri this year. There are some ADA compliance issues to deal with in the near future. There may also be a need for life rafts. We have recently been exempt from having TWIC cards.

Moser reported Finance Director Gordon attended the MPTA midyear legislative conference this year.

Moser reported he has been appointed by the Governor to the State Transportation Commission. He is looking into the possibility that this may be a conflict of interest with MPTA and other committees he is now serving on. Moser noted Finance Director Gordon would be a good candidate for these positions.

Moser gave an update on the recent Rural Task Force Meeting.

Moser reported EUPTA had its annual LAC meeting in January.

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Moser reported speaking with Matt Drewek (AECOM) today. Plans are coming along well with regard to hydraulics drawings and electric plans. Hope to have an updated set of plans for FHWA to review. With regard to Neebish site; current cells will need attention if water gets high in the future. 586.5 = current height; 582.3 = high water which would be unacceptable. The original Meridian drawings called for 3 more feet, but for whatever reason were built to 586.5.

AECOM will be here for the March meeting with final design and to answer any questions. Everything seems to be on schedule.

VII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report available. Attorney Dunn absent.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Board, **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Postula; **SUPPORTED** by Director Kibble to adjourn. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2011 at 4PM.

Ted Postula, Sec. /Treas.

Prepared By: Lynda Schexnayder