

# Board Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** Monday, December 1, 2014

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ted Postula                      Jack Kibble  
Frank Sasso                                      Ron Ford

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dennis Robinson (no replacement yet)

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ABSENT:** None absent

**OTHERS PRESENT:** See attached 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 with the exception of Director Robinson who has not yet been replaced.

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES –October 27, 2014**

With regard to Minutes for October 27, 2014; **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Ford; **SUPPORTED** by Director Postula to approve said minutes. **UNANIMOUS**. Motion carried.

### **V. FINANCIAL REPORT-P.E.-October 31, 2014**

Finance Director Gordon went over Financial Statements ending October 31, 2014.

### **BUSSING**

Finance Director Gordon went over and recommended the proposed fare increase for the bussing system. This reflects cash paying customers only. No increase for the contract fares. Those fares have been adjusted year to year. The last increase we had was in 2008. At the time a progressive three year increase was proposed. The board had decided not to adopt year three. The proposed increase doesn't raise a lot of revenue but will help. **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Postula; **SUPPORTED** by Director Kibble to implement proposed increase effective January 1, 2015. **UNANIMOUS**. Motion carried.

We had a 6% decrease in passengers for the month of October. 11% in Chippewa County and a 24% increase in Luce County.

### **FERRIES**

Gordon reported the ferries had a 7% and 5% decrease in vehicles and passengers respectively for the month of October. We had an overall 2.64% decrease in revenue but our expenses decreased almost 10% for the month.

### **GENERAL**

Director Gordon presented a draft of an electronic Funds Transfer policy for the board members to review and adopt at the January meeting.

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### **VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Moser reported he has been trying to get an update on Director Robinson's recent surgery.

Moser gave a brief Legislative update; there is an all out effort going on right now to get house members to concur with HB 5477 as passed in the senate. It is going to be difficult. If the legislation does not get passed, it could be a long time before any meaningful revenue increases happen.

Moser reported onboard all scheduled USCG inspections have been completed.

Moser reported Brandon spent two days going through the Neebish Islander with the Naval architect from Gilbert Associates. We are waiting on his report which will summarize where we are at currently with the condition of the boat. Moser has also asked that the report include recommendations as to capital upgrades.

Moser reported Captain Soper went back to work on November 21st.

### **VII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Dunn spoke briefly regarding the State Transportation package and how the funds are distributed between urban and non-urban with larger systems getting more.

At this time Chairman Sasso called for a motion to go into closed session to discuss the Union contract. **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Ford; **SUPPORTED** by Director Postula to go into Closed Session. A Roll Call vote was taken at 4:45p.m.

**Director Ford; yes    Director Postula; yes    Director Kibble; yes**  
**Chairman Sasso; yes**

**IT WAS MOVED** by Director Ford; **SUPPORTED** by Director Postula to return to Open Session. A Roll Call vote was taken at 4:58p.m.

**Director Ford; yes    Director Postula; yes    Director Kibble; yes**  
**Chairman Sasso; yes**

At 4:58p.m. Chairman Sasso called the meeting back to order in "Open Session".

At this time **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Postula; **SUPPORTED** by Director Ford to sign the current Union Contract. **UNANIMOUS**. Motion carried.

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**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 5:00pm. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 5, 2015 at 4PM.

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Ted Postula, Sec. /Treas.

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