

Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, August 3, 2015

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ted Postula Frank Sasso Jack Kibble Ken Gill

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ron Ford

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: Chuck Moser Akemi Gordon
Lynda Schexnayder

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ABSENT: James Dunn, Attorney

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 Ford.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public present. No comments

IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES –July 6, 2015

With regard to Minutes for July 6, 2015; **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Kibble; **SUPPORTED** by Director Postula to approve said minutes. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT-P.E.-June 30, 2015.

GENERAL

Finance Director Gordon distributed copies of the draft FYE 2016 budgets for the board to review. They will need to be adopted at the next meeting.

Gordon reported regarding Deferred 457 plan; we are looking into changing our 457 provider and offer our employees 2 different options. One would be MERS and the other is with a local Edward Jones financial planner. Neither plan would cost EUPTA anything; it is 100% employee participation but needs to be an employer sponsored plan. If the board is OK with this, she will have documents available at the September meeting. The board agreed.

BUSING

Gordon reported passenger counts in Chippewa County were down 158 or 2% in July and down 9% for the year. Luce County had a nice increase due to a summer program of transporting students to different activities. Luce County's passenger count for the year is up 6%.

Gordon reported on page 5 the comparison of revenues and expenses show a 1% decrease in overall revenue but we have also been able to keep our expenses down around 5% compared to a year ago.

FERRIES

Finance Director Gordon went over 4th of July traffic. Gordon reported revenue in June increased 11% and 9.3% for the year. Our total expenses are almost 6% less than they were a year ago. Because of the increase in revenue and reduction in expenses the ferry's YTD deficit is almost 65% less than it was a year ago.

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VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Moser reported AECOM has been selected and has begun work on their consulting project in regard to the Fogcutter Property. A meeting with EUPTA and stakeholders has been scheduled for August 13th.

Moser reported we have issued another RFQ for the purposes of pursuing a Categorical Exclusion which may or may not include a phase 1 and phase 2 investigation.

Moser reported we solicited four paving companies to do the little paving project in front of the ferry docks in DeTour. We received replies from all four, but only two firms' submitted proposals. The two that chose not to submit proposals cited two reasons; too far away for such a small job and too busy. Of the two proposals that were turned in, one was deemed unresponsive. MDOT is requiring us to start all over again and solicit and advertise on a wider scale.

Moser reported PVA has been working on policy in regard to carrying blood specimens and/or biological materials on ferry boats. Our fall meeting this year is in Manitowoc, Wisconsin in October, the Annual Meeting is to be held in Washington D.C.

Moser reported Congress has "kicked the can down the road" yet again. Last week they extended the current Highway Bill for another 3 months.

VII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report available.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Board, **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Kibble; **SUPPORTED** by Director Postula to adjourn. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 4PM.

Ted Postula, Sec. /Treas.

Prepared By: Lynda Schexnayder