

Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, July 6, 2016

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ted Postula Frank Sasso
John Waltman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Greg Schultz Jack Kibble

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 4:20p.m. by Chairman Sasso. All directors were present with the exception of Luce County board member Greg Schultz and Jack Kibble.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Warren Gerald (Neebish Island) read letters he received concerning the covering of the hatches on Neebish ferry.

IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES –June 6, 2016

With regard to Minutes for June 6, 2016; **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Waltman; **SUPPORTED** by Director Postula to approve said minutes. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT-P.E.-May 31, 2016.

IN GENERAL

Finance Director Gordon introduced Kathy Neubert. She will be replacing Lynda and will start later this month.

Gordon reported she is working on FYE 2017 budgets and will have a "draft" available at the August board meeting. The only thing she might be waiting on is the renewal rates for the health insurance. Those will be coming out mid-August and she may have to adjust that line item before the final budget is passed in September. Gordon talked with our agent and so far she has been seeing an average of 6% increases for her groups. The individual rates are increasing more than the groups.

Finance Director Gordon distributed and went over electronic funds transfer report.

BUSING

Gordon reported we had an 8% decline in passengers for the month of May. We should see a big increase in passengers and fare revenue in June. We have two programs currently going on with transportation right now. One in Luce County and one also in Chippewa County with the ISD.

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FERRIES

Gordon reported May was pretty decent with a 14% increase in fares, an 8% increase in vehicles and 6% increase in passengers. Drummond's traffic was down in May but they had a fantastic April. Sugar's traffic surged due to the construction of the causeway over on the island.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Moser introduced Ralph Diehl; R E Diehl & Associates from Waukesha, Wisconsin and his staff. They are doing the fare collection study for the ferry system.

Mr. Diehl introduced himself and went over their preliminary findings which are attached.

Director Moser reported the transmission has been replaced in Drummond Islander IV. The old one was getting pretty lazy so we didn't want to take any chances.

Moser reported he expects to hear from the design group with regard to the new vessel soon.

VII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report available.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Board, **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Waltman; **SUPPORTED** by Director Postula to adjourn. **UNANIMOUS**. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 1, 2016 at 4PM.

Ted Postula, Sec. /Treas.

Prepared By: Lynda Schexnayder