

Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority  
Board Meeting Minutes  
8/6/2024

I. Call to Order:

Board Chair, John Waltman, called the August 6, 2024 meeting of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority Board to order at 10:30 a.m.

II. Roll Call was taken:

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Waltman, Nick Huyck, Brandon Wheeler and Lynda Garlitz. Joe Henne arrived at 10:39 am.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

III. Pledge of Allegiance:

Those in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

IV. Agenda: It was moved and carried by unanimous vote:

MOTION: Lynda Garlitz SECOND: Brandon Wheeler	Approve the August 6, 2024 agenda.
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V. Public Comment:

- None

VI. Minutes: It was moved and carried by unanimous vote:

MOTION: Lynda Garlitz SECOND: Nick Huyck	Approve the July 2, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.
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VII. Finance Director Report:

- Ms. Gordon discussed the A/P and EFT transfers. Was asked about Robinson & Sons and explained that this item is in regards to EUPTA's hull insurance.
- Gordon discussed developing an Investment Policy as recommended by the auditors. The attorney is reviewing it for legality.
- Gordon spoke to the board about Michigan Class, which is a governmental investment pool. Gordon asked for the board to read through the information packet and we can discuss more at the next meeting.
- Draft budgets were provided to the board for review. Gordon stated that the ferries and bussing are funded differently just so there isn't any misinformation out there that the ferries help subsidize the bussing operations. Gordon reported that bussing has an estimated 5% increase in expenses and the ferries have an estimated 9% increase in expenses. Gordon also stated that the ferry budget is not

a balanced budget yet. Beginning in October we will no longer be receiving any COVID reimbursement. This will leave us with an approximate \$36,000 deficit for the year. We have been talking about doing small incremental increases in fares since the last increase was four years ago.

- Gordon spoke to the board regarding the Michigan Supreme Court ruling regarding sick leave for part time employees which will cost EUPTA about \$13,000 per year.

VIII. Director's Report:

- Director Paramski stated that American Transmission Company (ATC) has requested 40 feet on the back of EUPTA's property line for an easement.

American Transmission easement request: It was moved and carried by unanimous vote:

MOTION: Brandon Wheeler SECOND: Nick Huyck	Allow ATC an easement.
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- Work continues on the facility punch list.
- MDOT hired EUP Planning to do a study on public transit.
- A RFQ for a Naval Architect is being worked on.
- Annual Coast Guard Inspections on the Drummond Islander III and IV were completed with no violations.

IX. New Business

- None

X. Board Comment:

None

XI. Adjourn: It was moved and carried by roll call vote to:

MOTION: Joe Henne SECOND: Brandon Wheeler	Adjourn the meeting at 11:21 AM
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Lynda Garlitz, Secretary

  
Kathy Neubert, Recording Secretary

Board Approved: