

Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority  
6/1/2021  
Via Zoom/Teleconference

1. Call to Order:

Board Chair, John Waltman, called the June 1, 2021 meeting of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority Board to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call was taken:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Via Zoom/Teleconference: John Waltman, Joe Henne, Lynda Garlitz, and Jim German

MEMBERS ABSENT: Phyllis French (absent)

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

3. Agenda: It was moved and carried by roll call vote:

Trustee German: Yes, Trustee Henne: Yes, Trustee Waltman: Yes, Trustee Garlitz: Yes.

MOTION: Jim German SECOND: Lynda Garlitz	Approve the agenda as presented.
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4. Public Comment:

- None

5. Minutes: It was moved and carried by roll call vote:

Trustee German: Yes, Trustee Henne: Yes, Trustee Waltman: Yes, Trustee Garlitz: Yes.

MOTION: Joe Henne SECOND: Jim German	Approve the May 4, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.
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6. Finance Director Report:

- Akemi Gordon reviewed CARES Act Funding and Federal Funding. Reporting timing is changed by MDOT for this year.
- Reviewed CARES Act Funding that we were not counting on. It came at a great time due to fares being down and costs being up due to COVID and people not

being able to travel and move around. We are still currently receiving CARES Act Funding and people are moving around much more freely.

- We are very concerned that our current proposed projects (the new Neebish III Ferryboat and the new EUPTA Facility) could likely come in over budget due to supply and demand and rising costs of lumber, steel, and labor. We are looking to find additional money to mitigate the potential shortfalls and would like the board to think about setting a portion of CARES Act funding money that we have already received aside for the projects. Akemi recommends we transfer \$500,000.00 to capital match funds that we could use for any shortfalls.
- Rides to Wellness earned just over \$20,000.00 for April.

7. Director's Report: Executive Director Pete Paramski, P.E. reported on EUPTA activity as follows:

- It was busy Memorial weekend for ferries. Both Drummond Island ferries were in service to accommodate the holiday traffic. Things went very smoothly.
- Camera Contract Update – SecurAlarm was on site and completed the final installation of cameras at Neebish. Training was conducted for crew at all 3 ferries. Web based system is fully functional and appropriate staff has access to view cameras. There are still some bugs to be worked out. There are a few punch list items to be worked on at Drummond. It is functional and it works. 95% complete. We will do a demo at next month's meeting.
- Facility Design Update- We had a lengthy meeting with OHM. Design is 50% complete. Well permit came in last week. Well drillers hit sufficient water last week, but it still needs to be tested. City is working on agreement with township for the shared sewer system. EUPTA will be responsible for installation costs and have a lifelong maintenance agreement. Meeting tonight with Soo Township for special use permit. Pete will be attending.
- IBI Update – All proposals are in and demos were held with a short list of four (4) bidders. We have requested additional information from the four finalists. This is a best value bid. We have not had any local bidders.
- Drummond Dock Work – There will be repair work on the Drummond Island north dock beginning soon. The old wooden header will be replaced with a concrete on similar to the project on the mainland about 5 years ago. It will be completed before July 4, 2021
- Neebish Islander III Update – The construction of the new ferry bids is due June 25, 2021. We have been taking bid inquiries and responding.
- Inspection season – Drummond III inspection is June 8, 2021. Sugar Island Ferry inspection is July 1, 2021 and the Neebish and Drummond Islander IV have not been scheduled yet.

8. New Business: NONE

9. Board Member Comments:

- Jim German – “Thank you to Pete and Akemi for doing one heck of a job at EUPTA. Proud of the organization. It is fantastic.”

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

Trustee German: Yes, Trustee Henne: Yes, Trustee Waltman: Yes, Trustee Garlitz: Yes.

MOTION: Jim German SECOND: Lynda Garlitz	Adjourn the meeting at 11:12 AM
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Lynda Garlitz, Secretary

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Kathy Neubert, Recording Secretary

Board Approved: