

Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority
4/6/2021

1. Call to Order:

Board Chair, John Waltman, called the April 6, 2021 meeting of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority Board to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call was taken: Trustee German – Present(via Zoom), Trustee Henne – Present, Chairman Waltman – Present, Trustee Garlitz – Present, Trustee French – Absent/Excused,

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Waltman, Joe Henne, Lynda Garlitz, and Jim German

MEMBERS ABSENT: Phyllis French - Excused

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

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

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

MOTION: Lynda Garlitz SECOND: Jim German	Approve the agenda with an addition to discuss possible vehicle purchase for Rides to Wellness added to finance director report and Lavatory construction Drummond Island Dock added to New Business
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2. Public Comment:

- Jesse Knoll

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

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

MOTION: Lynda Garlitz SECOND: Joe Henne	Approve the March 2, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
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4. Finance Director Report:

Akemi Gordon reviewed finances for the month of February. Akemi reported on the Rides to Wellness Program. March was highest revenue generating month of \$21,620.00 thus far in the program. EUPTA would like to generate more services and revenue thus, Ms. Gordon has requested to purchase another vehicle for Rides to Wellness.

Ms. Gordon reported on ridership on the three ferries. We continue to receive CARES act funding for busses and ferries. This is federal revenue in addition to regular funding. We will set this funding aside to assist with projects that may need funding due to increase of cost in materials, i.e., lumber/steel.

5. Rides to Wellness Vehicle Purchase: It was moved and carried by roll call vote: Trustee German: Yes, Trustee Henne: Yes, Trustee Waltman: Yes, Trustee Garlitz: Yes. Motion Carried.

MOTION: Lynda Garlitz SECOND: Jim German	Approve the purchase of a vehicle to primarily be used for Rides to Wellness, after obtaining 3 bids on 2 different types of vehicles and obtaining the best value bid.
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6. Director's Report: Executive Director Pete Paramski, P.E. reported on EUPTA activity as follows:

- Camera Contract Update – Added cameras at Neebish. Staff reported bugs and the company has addressed and fixed the bugs. Internet providers have not been installed. Sugar internet installation will begin at mainland dock. Drummond Hard Wire on both sides, working to install currently. Secure Alarm will return when finished install of ISP and full training will occur at the time. Impressions are favorable at this time and a much clearer system. Cameras are installed on DIII.
- Facility Design Update –
 - Revisions and project updates:
 - footprint and square footage laid out
 - meeting tomorrow
 - Environmental consultant on site
 - Haz mat assessment for demolition, a few routine things will have to be completed before demolition.
 - Materials and expenses may be more than expected. Volatility of market is currently a concern. If over budget, may use CARES

ACT money to help fund projects, if needed. Could possibly earmark for overages due to the volatility of the markets

- IBI Update – Pre-Proposal meeting last weekend. Multiple bidders for contract. This is going very well
- Sugar Islander II Drydock Project – Coming up this summer. Shipyard will need to procure materials and timeframe. Ideally drydock the week after the 4th of July. This is a drydock and repowering and therefore will be more extensive than just a drydock.
- Shipping season has begun. No complications or ice issues
- Pringle Maritime Contract has expired and a decision to continue to contract.
 - Chairman Waltman would recommend three years with reviews annually and if necessary, add an additional review at the 6-month period. Contract currently has clause that it can be broken within 14 days.
 - Trustee Henne asked if there is a survey that has been completed.
 - Mr. Paramski reported the Captain has requested a survey be completed this summer. He reported that not only has he received letters of complaints but also many letters of support for the current captain.
 - A succession plan for Neebish Ferry for when contract is up, retirement, or if something happens to the current company is needed.

7. Pringle Maritime Contract: Lengthy Discussion. It was moved and carried by roll call vote:

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

MOTION: Lynda Garlitz SECOND: Jim German	Approve Pringle Contract as a three-year contract with annual reviews regarding service and terms, also if necessary a semi-annual review if the need comes about. Provide same increase as union received.
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8. Open Meetings Policy: It was moved and carried by roll call vote:

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

MOTION: Jim German SECOND: Joe Henne	Approve Open Meetings Policy as is
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9. New Business:

Construction of Lavatories on Drummond Island Side:

Joe Henne asked if EUPTA for DITA will be making the initial move with the township for the next step or permanent lavatories on the island side. He also asked how much EUPTA will participate. Mr. Paramski suggests that DITA be the lead and then collaboration will be Drummond Township and EUPTA.

Discussed Detour side lavatories ,cleaning and Porta Potties on both sides at Sugar and Neebish and on Drummond Island Side.

10. Board Member Comments: None

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

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

MOTION: Jim German SECOND: Lynda Garlitz	Adjourn the meeting at 11:25 AM
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Lynda Garlitz, Secretary

Kathy Neubert, Recording Secretary

Board Approved: 5/4/2021