

Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority
1/9/2023

1. Call to Order:

Board Chair, John Waltman, called the January 9, 2023 meeting of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority Board to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call was taken:

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Waltman, Nicholas Huyck, Joe Henne, and Lynda Garlitz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Phyllis French, unexcused

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

3. Additions/Deletions to Agenda: It was moved and carried by unanimous vote:

MOTION: Lynda Garlitz SECOND: Joe Henne	Approve Agenda with addition of vehicle accessibility plan to finance report
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4. Public Comment: None

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

MOTION: Lynda Garlitz SECOND: Nick Huyck	Approve the December 6, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.
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6. Finance Director Report:

- Finance Director Gordon reviewed the November 2022 Financials.
- **Vehicle Accessibility Plan** – As part of our annual application we are required to report on our vehicle accessibility for those in need of wheelchair access. Of the 14 vehicles in EUPTA’s fleet, which consist of 5 buses, 4 transit vans and 5 SUV’s/minivans, 6 in total have wheelchair accessible lifts. We have an LAC (local advisory committee) meeting every year who’s members consist of senior citizens, users of our service and the disabled. They provide input and/or suggestions on our service. We try to accommodate our

customers as best we can. This updated plan requires approval from our board.

- Accessibility plan: Discussion. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote:

MOTION: Joe Henne

SECOND: Lynda Garlitz

Approve the accessibility plan as presented.

- Working on annual application for 2024 for Bus, Ferry System and JARC in Luce County. Presenting budget requests. Determines how much MDOT advances us each month and then at the end of the year do an annual reconciliation. Available next month.

7. Director's Report:

- Facility Update: Showed photos of OHM Report of updates. Frame interior walls this week on admin building
- Drummond IV Update: D-IV out of dry dock and back to home port. Departed SSM on December 29 and went into service on December 30. January 5, 2023. D-III went up to switch to out with Sugar Islander II so it could go to dry dock. Discussed engine problem with the D-IV.
- Sugar II Update: Sugar at MCM for repairs from accidents. USCG inspected and assessed last Friday. USCG working well with us to repair necessary and others at the five-year inspection. Steel ordered, great progress. Sugar should be back in service within the month. Discussed repairs of vessel.
- Director and captains are going to GL Captains Association Industry Days and Pete will be presenting on the Neebish III build at the conference.

8. New Business:

- March Meeting Date: It was moved and carried by unanimous vote:

MOTION: Lynda Garlitz

SECOND: Lynda Garlitz

Change the March meeting Date to March 14, 2023. Second Tuesday of the month.

- Closed Session to Discuss Union Negotiations: It was moved and carried by unanimous vote:

MOTION: Lynda Garlitz SECOND: Joe Henne	To Move to Closed Session to Discuss Union Negotiations at 11:10 AM
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- Motion to return to Regular Board Session: It was moved and carried by unanimous vote:

MOTION: Nick Huyck SECOND: Lynda Garlitz	To Move to Closed Session to Discuss Union Negotiations at 12:00 PM
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- Union Negotiation Contract: Discussion. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote:

MOTION: Nick Huyck SECOND: Joe Henne	To approve the Union Contract as presented in Closed Session.
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- Administration Cost of Living Increase: Discussion. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote:

MOTION: Joe Henne SECOND: Nick Huyck	Move to add cost of living increase for administration staff as presented and look at administrative annual review of wages and determination made each January as presented in Closed Session
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- Election of Vice Chair Discussion. Lynda nominated Nick Huyck for Vice President: Open discussion. Nick Huyck Nominated Joe Henne for Vice President. Discussion. It was moved and carried by vote:

MOTION: Lynda Garlitz SECOND: John Waltman	Elect Nick Huyck as Vice Chair to the Board of Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority
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Yay: Garlitz, Waltman, Henne; Abstain: Huyck

9. Board Comment:

- Nick Very Productive
- Lynda – Great Board

10. Adjourn: It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to:

MOTION: Lynda Garlitz
SECOND: Nick Huyck

Adjourn the meeting at 12:20 PM



Lynda A. Garlitz

Lynda Garlitz, Secretary



Kathy Neubert

Kathy Neubert, Recording Secretary

Board Approved: