

Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority
5/2/2023

1. Call to Order:

Board Chair, John Waltman, called the April 6, 2023 meeting of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority Board to order at 10:31 a.m.

2. Roll Call was taken:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

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

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

MOTION: Joe Henne SECOND: Lynda Garlitz	Approve Agenda as Presented Add Neebish III Rudder location, Bids on Ferry and Captain replacement search to the agenda.
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4. Public Comment:

None

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

MOTION: Lynda Garlitz SECOND: Brandon Wheeler	Approve the April 6, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.
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6. Financial Report:

- Finance Director Gordon reviewed the April 2023 Financials and the EFT and Accounts Payable provided in the board packet were reviewed.
- Bussing: Finance Director Gordon stated there was an 85% increase in fare revenue for March and a 10% increase in passengers carried.
- Gordon reported that EUPTA took possession of a second Equinox last Wednesday. EUPTA solicited 5 dealerships and only received 2 bids. Dave Kring out of Petoskey

was low bid for \$28,664. The other bid came in at \$31,826, \$3162 higher than Dave Kring.

- Ferries: Gordon reported that total Fares increased \$7,500 for March. Drummond's fares decreased by \$583, Sugar's fares increased \$3,115 and Neebish fares increased by \$4,977.

Gordon stated that fuel prices the last couple of days dipped just under \$3.00 per gallon however prices have been jumping around a lot.

Jeep the Mac will be happening May 12th-14th. Last year we carried almost 500 jeeps. Both ferries will be running for this even.

Director's Report:

- Facility Update: Director Paramski gave a progress update on the new EUPTA facility.
- Cashless Fare Update: Paramski stated that a train the trainer session took place last month. There will be another training the week of May 8th and EUPTA will be rolling out a pilot study group soon.

7. New Business:

- Equal Employment and Affirmative Action Policy –

Equal Employment and Affirmative Action Policy: Discussion. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote:

MOTION: Nick Huyck SECOND: Joe Henne	Table Equal Employment and Affirmative Action Policy and review after EUPTA has their MDOT review in June.
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- Maintenance Position-Paramski recommends that EUPTA add a maintenance/light duty mechanic position to staff late summer early fall. EUPTA lost a part time employee to retirement. This position would be light duty mechanic, maintenance, grounds keeper ie snow removal and lawn care as well as cleaning. Finance Director Gordon will present the cost of this position at the next Board Meeting.
- Neebish III Update: Paramski gave an update on the Neebish Islander III rudder incident which included a time frame for drydocking and extraction of the rudder. Paramski also explained the Certificate of Inspection rotations.
- Captain replacement search – Paramski stated that he will begin to look at the old contract and discuss advertising within the next couple of months.


- Paramski stated there have been no bids as of yet on the Neebish Islander II. Bids are due on 5/12/23.

8. Board Comment: None

9. Adjournment: It was moved and carried by unanimous vote:

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


Kathy Neubert, Recording Secretary

Board Approved: