

# Board Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** Monday, June 6, 2016

**PLACE:** 4001 I-75 Business Spur  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ted Postula                      Frank Sasso  
John Waltman

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Greg Schultz                      Jack Kibble

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
STAFF PRESENT:** Chuck Moser                      Akemi Gordon  
Lynda Schexnayder                      James Dunn, Attorney

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
STAFF ABSENT:** None absent

**OTHERS PRESENT:** See attached sheet

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### **I. - II. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 4:05p.m. by Chairman Sasso. All directors were present with the exception of Luce County board member Greg Schultz and Jack Kibble.

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Simon Langner (Neebish Island)questioned the safety of the vessel. He had a concern with regard to how many cars are put on the ferry at a time. Mr. Langner also asked if he could file a FOIA and get a copy of contract EUPTA has with current ferry operator. Attorney Dunn responded this could be done.

Lori Miller (Neebish Island) questioned who the "No smoking" sign applied to; does it apply to the Captain. Chuck Moser will look into this issue.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES –May 2, 2016**

With regard to Minutes for May 2, 2016; **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Postula; **SUPPORTED** by Director Waltman to approve said minutes. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried.

### **V. FINANCIAL REPORT-P.E.-April 30, 2016.**

#### **IN GENERAL**

Finance Director Gordon went over electronic funds transfer report.

Gordon distributed an audit quote she had asked Anderson Tackman to provide to us. She recommended that we renew a 3 year contract with Anderson Tackman for audit services. She called a couple other agencies of our size and AT & Co. is very comparative if not less than what other agencies are paying. The 2016 quote is with no increase from what we paid in 2015 and the 2017 and 2018 years are only a \$250 increase. Other agencies are paying between \$9,200 and \$13,000 for their audits. **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Waltman; **SUPPORTED** by Director Postula to extend Anderson Trackman's contract for another three years. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried.

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Gordon also presented the MERS DB Plan Adoption agreement to the board. This will change the DB retirement for all full time employees hired after June 1, 2016. It will consist of a 1.5% multiplier, 10 year vesting, a 5 year FAC with no early outs or cost of living increases. As mentioned before, it may take several years before EUPTA will see any savings but we will eventually be in a much healthier funding level down the road. **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Waltman; **SUPPORTED** by Director Postula to adopt said plan. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried.

Finance Director Gordon asked what the board's plans are on replacing the Executive Directors position. After much discussion it was decided that the board members will meet again in a couple weeks to discuss this. Date to be decided.

### **BUSING**

Gordon reported revenue YTD is down just over \$19,000 or 6.71%. expenses are \$41,000 less than a year ago or 14.85%. Wages and fuel are the two main line items where we have spent significantly less. The wage line item is from reallocating the mechanics wage over to the ferries based on their hours spent at each of the locations.

Gordon reported we will have to replace bus drivers this summer due to retirements. We are having a very difficult time filling these positions. The last advertising we did, we had no one apply. The wages are not competitive with other bus driving positions and we can't offer any benefits because of the cost.

### **FERRIES**

Gordon reported the ferries had a really good April. Fare revenue was up \$30,000 and we were able to keep our expenses down almost \$7,000 compared to last April. YTD our revenue is up 16.62% with our expenses up 3.3%. We are in a much better financial position that we were at this time last year.

## **VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Moser went over Letter of Understanding with USW with regard to MERS retirement for new hires. **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Waltman; **SUPPORTED** by Director Postula to support said letter. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried.

Moser reported with regard to Fare Study Project update; EUPTA spent last Thursday and Friday with consultant doing site visits at all three islands.

Moser reported with regard to ferry dock repaving; contracts were received for repaving the DeTour

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Ferry Dock today. We will be issuing notice to proceed as soon as we get signatures and get them back to Lansing.

Moser reported there is meeting scheduled for Wednesday at 1:00p.m. with City Manager, CLMCAA, and MDOT in regard to getting building lease issue resolved.

### **VII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Dunn spoke briefly regarding two county authority; has higher priority for funding according to Governor.

Dunn also spoke regarding infrastructure funding.

### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business to come before the Board, **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Waltman; **SUPPORTED** by Director Postula to adjourn. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 5:35pm. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at 4PM.

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Ted Postula, Sec. /Treas.

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