



EASTERN UPPER PENINSULA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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Special Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday March 19th 2020

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Waltman, Phyllis French
Conor Egan and Lynda Garlitz

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: Pete Paramski, Akemi Gordon, Bonnie Kaunisto and Kathy Neubert

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: See Attached

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Trustee Waltman.

II. ROLL CALL OF TRUSTEES:

All trustees were present.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jesse Knoll stated that he did not understand how reducing the ferry schedule would be beneficial in regards to keeping people safe. Knoll stated that an automated scanning of vehicles would be what was needed.

Lori Miller relayed concerns regarding the Neebish Island Ferry captain. Miller also expressed concern regarding any reduction in ferry service at this time.

Simon Langner – voiced his concern regarding reducing the Neebish Island ferry schedule and stated he witnessed a confrontation with the ferry captain today.

Amy Widenhofe – voiced concern regarding reducing the Neebish Island ferry schedule

Mike Pine stated he was present at the meeting to support Neebish Island residents.

IV. COVID 19 PREVENTATIVE MEASURES AND EUPTA'S PLAN OF ACTION:

Director Paramski handed out possible preventative measures to the board which was previously emailed to trustees regarding the ferry service, bussing and Indian Trails and a discussion was had.

In regards to the ferry system:

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Egan; **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Garlitz to keep the Neebish Island ferry schedule at the current six runs per day, and accept the Drummond Island and Sugar Island schedules with the requested amendments and changes. If there are additional items that need to be addressed, EUPTA administrator will contact EUPTA board members via email or text message. These schedules will be reviewed at the next board meeting on 4/7/2020. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried.

In regards to the office and Indian Trails ticket sales:

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Egan; **SUPPORTED** by Trustee French to lock the office doors to the public and stop selling Indian Trails tickets in office until further notice. Phone numbers for both EUPTA and Indian Trails will be posted and EUPTA will remain a pickup/drop off site for Indian

Trails. **UNANIMOUS**. Motion carried.

V. 2019 AUDIT COMMENTARY, QUESTIONS, AND ACCEPTANCE:

With regard to the 2019 Audit report **IT WAS MOVED** by Trustee Egan; **SUPPORTED** by Trustee French to approve the report with a presentation from Anderson Tackman to be given at a later date. **UNANIMOUS**. Motion carried.

VI: ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Odell asked if he could have a copy of the ferry action plan.

Jesse Knoll addressed free passage to EUPTA employees, the wireless internet, and the cameras that aren't working.

Lori Miller thanked the board for listening and spoke about ticket/fare collection possibilities.

Unknown participant that didn't identify himself– spoke about fare collection systems.

VII: BOARD COMMENT

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business to come before the Board, **IT WAS MOVED** by Trustee Egan; **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Garlitz to adjourn. **UNANIMOUS**. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 2:08 pm. **The next regular board meeting will be Tuesday April 7th at 10:30 a.m.**



John Waltman
Board Chair



Prepared By: Kathy Neubert
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