

Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, January 5, 2015

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ted Postula Jack Kibble Ken Gill
Frank Sasso Ron Ford

MEMBERS ABSENT: None absent

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: Chuck Moser Akemi Gordon
Lynda Schexnayder Jim 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 4:00p.m. by Chairman Sasso. All Directors were present. The board welcomed new Luce County board member, Ken Gill. Ken introduced himself. He will replace Dennis Robinson.

Board meeting dates for 2015 were presented to the board. **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Ford; **SUPPORTED** by Director Postula to accept these dates as presented. **UNANIMOUS**. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dan Cairns reported that the Coast Guard is busy working the river.

IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES –December 1, 2014

With regard to Minutes for December 1, 2014; **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Ford; **SUPPORTED** by Director Postula to approve said minutes. **UNANIMOUS**. Motion carried.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT-P.E.-November 30, 2014

Finance Director Gordon went over Financial Statements ending November 30, 2014.

BUSSING

Finance Director Gordon reported the bus system had a rough November in both Chippewa and Luce. There were a number of days where we had to cancel runs because of the weather. Therefore, our fare revenue and passenger counts were down.

FERRIES

Gordon reported a 3% increase in total fares for the month of November. Drummond's revenue increased 12%, Sugar's decreased 1% and Neebish decreased 28%.

We have reduced our expenses for October and November by 4 1/2%.

GENERAL

Gordon presented and recommended adoption of Electronic Fund Transfer Policy. **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Postula; **SUPPORTED** by Director Kibble to adopt said policy as presented. **UNANIMOUS**. Motion carried.

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VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Moser reported the Legislature voted to let the people decide on the Transportation Revenue Issue in May.

Moser reported the PVA Annual Meeting will be held this year in Long Beach, California from January 29th through February 3rd. Moser is planning to attend.

Moser reported Captain Doug Bisdorf (Sugar Islander) is retiring. A lunch will be held for him on Wednesday at noon if anyone would like to attend.

Moser reported on Planning Update (Sugar II/Neebish II); there was discussion regarding proposal from Marine architect to design new Sugar boat.

Moser reported Chuck Lindstrom from MDOT will be here tomorrow to do an FTA review.

VII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dunn went over Transportation package; reiterated that we are guaranteed no less than 50% for the ferries.

Dunn spoke briefly regarding money in Federal Law that allows Sault Tribe money for transportation. Ron Ford, board member from Luce County has offered to help identify funds to provide additional services to veterans and citizens needing transportation for medical services, etc. Dunn suggested that contacting Mr. Kazmierski from Mannik/Smith Group may be a good idea. Mannik/Smith is involved with Sault Tribe's Transit Implementation Plan.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Board, **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Postula; **SUPPORTED** by Director Kibble to adjourn. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 2, 2015 at 4PM.

Ted Postula, Sec. /Treas.

Prepared By: Lynda Schexnayder