

Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority
2/2/2021
Via Zoom/Teleconference

1. Call to Order:

Board Vice Chair, Jim German, called the February 2, 2021 Regular Board meeting of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority Board to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call was taken:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Via Zoom/Teleconference: John Waltman, Phyllis French, Joe Henne, Lynda Garlitz, and Jim German

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

3. Agenda: It was moved and carried by roll call vote:

Trustee German: Yes, Trustee Henne: Yes, Trustee Waltman: Yes, Trustee French: Yes
Trustee Garlitz: Yes. Motion Carried.

MOTION: Lynda Garlitz SECOND: Joe Henne	Approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Pringle Maritime Contract Discussion to be added to New Business.
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4. Public Comment: None

5. Minutes: It was moved and carried by roll call vote:

Trustee German: Yes, Trustee Henne: Yes, Trustee Waltman: Yes, Trustee French: Yes
Trustee Garlitz: Yes. Motion Caried.

MOTION: Joe Henne SECOND: Lynda Garlitz	Approve the January 5, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented and table the January closed session meeting minutes until able to approve in person
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6. Finance Director Report:

Akemi Gordon reviewed Resolutions of Intent for 2022 Applications for bussing and ferry. Discussion. It was moved and carried by roll call vote:

Trustee German: Yes, Trustee Henne: Yes, Trustee Waltman: Yes, Trustee French: Yes, Trustee Garlitz: Yes. Motion Carried.

MOTION: John Waltman SECOND: Lynda Garlitz	Approve Resolutions of Intent for 2022 Applications for bussing and for ferry
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Akemi Gordon reviewed the MERS Health Care Savings Program amendments.

Discussion. It was moved and carried by roll call vote:

Trustee German: Yes, Trustee Henne: Yes, Trustee Waltman: Yes, Trustee French: Yes, Trustee Garlitz: Yes.

MOTION: John Waltman SECOND: Lynda Garlitz	Per Union Negotiations Contract – Approve increase MERS Health Care Savings Program by 1%. This includes division #'s (300898, 300899, 300900, 300901, 300902 & 300903.
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- Akemi Gordon reviewed December's financials
 - Reviewed Passenger and Fare Revenue in bussing, specifically Rides to Wellness and the success. All revenue that was not budgeted due to it being such a new program.
 - We will be receiving Cares Act Funding again this fiscal year.
 - Reviewed FY21 1st Quarter Graphs for all three ferries and bussing

7. Director's Report: Executive Director Pete Paramski, P.E. reported on EUPTA activity as follows:

- Camera Contract Update – Sugar Island Ferry system updated and fully implemented and working. Web portion is not activated yet. Next portion will be Drummond and web feed. Good progress in the past month.
- Facility Design Update – Progress meeting with OHM and assess square footage needs. Field survey complete and starting this week for soil borings.

- IBI Update – Status quo as of last meeting. RFP package is in Lansing under review. Once approved will send out to advertise for vendors.
- Neebish III contract package to MDOT for review and approval.

8. Bus Driver Wages: Recruitment and retention difficult for bus drivers. Akemi Gordon reviewed spreadsheet of revenue and expenses related to bussing.

Lengthy Discussion. It was moved and carried by roll call vote:

Trustee German: Yes, Trustee Henne: Yes, Trustee Waltman: Yes, Trustee French: Yes, Trustee Garlitz: Yes. Motion Carried.

MOTION: John Waltman SECOND: Joe Henne	Increase Bus Driver wages \$2.00 per hour
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9. Union Contract Negotiation Policy:

Discussion. It was moved and carried by roll call vote:

Trustee German: Yes, Trustee Henne: Yes, Trustee Waltman: Yes, Trustee French: Yes, Trustee Garlitz: Yes. Motion Carried.

MOTION: Lynda Garlitz SECOND: John Waltman	Approve the Union Contract Negotiation Policy with previous recommended changes, adding two (2) EUPTA Board Members to the Negotiating Committee.
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10. New Business: Election of Officers

A. Election of Officers:

Mr. German opened the floor for nominations. Jim German stepped back as chair and then Mr. German nominated John Waltman as Chairperson. Lynda Garlitz seconded the nominations and it was moved and carried by roll call vote to elect John Waltman unanimously as Chairperson.

Mr. Waltman, as chairperson, opened the floor for nominations of Vice-Chairperson. Lynda Garlitz nominated Jim German as Vice-Chairperson. Joe Henne seconded the nominations and it was moved and carried by roll call vote to elect Jim German unanimously as Vice - Chairperson.

Mr. Waltman, as chairperson, opened the floor for nominations of Secretary. Jim German nominated Lynda Garlitz as Secretary. Joe Henne seconded the nominations and

it was moved and carried by roll call vote to elect Lynda Garlitz unanimously as Secretary.

B. Admin/Mechanic Increase to coincide with Union Increase. Discussion. It was moved and carried by roll call vote:

Trustee German: Yes, Trustee Henne: Yes, Chairman Waltman: Yes, Trustee French: Yes, Trustee Garlitz: Yes. Motion Carried.

MOTION: Jim German SECOND: Joe Henne	Approve increase for Admin/Mechanics to match the Union Contract
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C. New Camera System Accessibility. Discussed ability to view docks and ferries along with who will have accessibility to view. Discussion. Consensus of board to leave to discretion of administration to make decision of accessibility after able to determine level of viewing and other factors.

D. Pringle Maritime Contract Discussion.

Discussion. It was moved and carried by roll call vote:

Trustee German: Yes, Trustee Henne: Yes, Chairman Waltman: Yes, Trustee French: Yes, Trustee Garlitz: Yes. Motion Carried.

MOTION: Joe Henne SECOND: Jim German	Table discussion until next meeting so board can review all information.
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11. Board Member Comments:

- Lynda Garlitz wanted to commend EUPTA Mechanics and everyone involved for January 27, 2021 Sugar Island Ferry shutdown. Was supposed to be shut down for seven hours and were up and running within four hours. Preparation, commitment, and communication were all excellent.
- Jim German echoed Ms. Garlitz Comments of Sugar Island Ferry shutdown. Mr. German also reported on 2% money that Chippewa County receives. Chippewa County has been informed they could lose approximately \$100,000 in 2% funding.

12. Adjourn: It was moved and carried by roll call vote to:

Trustee German: Yes, Trustee Henne: Yes, Chairman Waltman: Yes, Trustee French: Yes, Trustee Garlitz: Yes. Motion Carried.

MOTION: Lynda Garlitz SECOND: Joe Henne	Adjourn the meeting at 11:45 AM
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Lynda A. Garlitz

Lynda Garlitz, Secretary

Kathy Neubert

Kathy Neubert, Recording Secretary

Board Approved: