

Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, October 5, 2015

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ted Postula Frank Sasso Jack Kibble

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ron Ford Ken Gill

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: Chuck Moser Akemi Gordon
Lynda Schexnayder

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ABSENT: James Dunn, Attorney

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 with the exception of Director Ford and Director Gill.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Simon Langner (Neebish Island) expressed concern with regard to the deckhand's directions for loading the Neebish Island ferry. Reported confusion as to which lane to enter. Chuck Moser will look into this.

IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES –September 9, 2015

With regard to Minutes for September 9, 2015; **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Postula; **SUPPORTED** by Director Kibble to approve said minutes. **UNANIMOUS**. Motion carried.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT-P.E.-August 31, 2015.

GENERAL

Finance Director Gordon distributed and went over Electronic Funds transfer.

Gordon recommended opening CD's at M-Bank up to \$200,000 for 13 months at the current rate of .65%. **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Kibble; **SUPPORTED** by Director Postula to approve said recommendation. **UNANIMOUS**. Motion carried.

BUSING

Through the end of August we have experienced a 5% decrease in fares and 7% decrease in passengers combined. Chippewa County bus has experienced a 4 year decrease in both passengers and fares. Luce County has had a few ups and downs over the past 4 years. We have been able to keep our expenses down 5.69% compared to a year ago.

FERRIES

Fares on the ferries combined are up 6%, vehicles are up 1,614 and passengers are up 3,160.

The month of August was not as good as last year. There was a 7% decrease in fares and our expenses were up 4%.

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YTD numbers are looking good so far. We have finally come out of our winter deficit. The month of September could make this number go up or down depending on the year-end accruals that will need to be made.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Moser reported we have a new driver for the DeTour bus run. The driver on that run keeps the bus overnight. In this case the driver lives on Drummond. We are in the process of sending out a survey to determine what sort of interest there is in adding service to the island.

EUPTA has received the yearly contract renewal for Northern Transitions. We are still waiting for Hiawatha Behavioral Health.

The Coast Guard has completed the onboard inspections for Drummond IV and Neebish II. Two down with two to go for this year. Sugar II and Drummond III are scheduled and will be completed before the snow flies hopefully.

Moser reported talking with LSSU regarding doing an Economic Study of the St. Mary's River ferry system as it relates to state investment/state policy.

The city recently let a project go at the Sugar Island mainland with no traffic plan. Rob Laitinen (CCRC) and Captain Cairns were quick to remedy the situation.

VII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report available.

IX. 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 4:27pm. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 2, 2015 at 4PM.

Ted Postula, Sec. /Treas.

Prepared By: Lynda Schexnayder