

EASTERN UPPER PENINSULA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday June 5th, 2018

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

MEMBERS PRESENT Frank Sasso, Phyllis French,
Jack Kibble and Conor Egan

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Waltman

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE
STAFF ABSENT:** None

OTHERS PRESENT: See attached sheet

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. by Chairman Sasso.

II. ROLL CALL OF TRUSTEES

All trustees were present with the exception of Trustee Waltman, Trustee Egan arrived at 3:37 p.m.

III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

None

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Several residents of Neebish Island and Sugar Island voiced concerns regarding the ice issues this past summer. A discussion regarding a committee that use to exist was brought up. The committee discussed what worked, what didn't work and what should be done for the following year. Residents would like to see this committee reestablished.

V. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

With regard to the Board Meeting Minutes for May 1st, 2018 **IT WAS MOVED** by Trustee Egan; **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Kibble to approve said minutes. **UNANIMOUS**. Motion carried.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT:

IN GENERAL:

Finance Director Gordon presented the electronic funds report.

Gordon stated that EUPTA submitted a transportation service bid to Sault Tribe to add two additional runs to and from Kincheloe to coincide with a shift their employees work at the Casino. The proposals were due May 31st. EUPTA is waiting to hear back on the Tribe's decision.

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BUS SYSTEM:

EUPTA's fares and passengers are up compared to last year. EUPTA will be providing transportation again this summer for the ISD work program.

FERRY SYSTEM:

Fares are down 10% from a year ago. Vehicles and passengers are down 5% and 4% respectively. EUPTA has a much larger deficit to make up this summer. Expenses have also increased 6% or \$94,000.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

GENERAL:

Director Paramski stated that he will be attending a new manager training on the fundamentals of transit in Mt. Pleasant the next two days.

Paramski and Gordon are working on a Port Security Grant through the United States Coast Guard to try and secure funding for updated camera systems on the Islands and a possible new camera system for Neebish Island.

Paramski reported that possible funding from ferry boat discretionary monies has been identified for the abatement and demolition of the Fog Cutter Bar. Paramski continues to work with Tri Media out of Marquette on this project.

FERRY SYSTEM:

Paramski reported that the Neebish Islander II sole source dry dock 5-year hull inspection is in progress as of May 29th 2018. Paramski stated that the United States Coast Guard did their initial inspection and there were some surprises. The additional work that needs to be done will more than likely delay the project, therefore delay the return of the Drummond III to Drummond Island. Paramski stated that unfortunately this work can't be done in the winter months and that we are out of compliance and have no choice but to make the repairs.

Paramski again brought up the need to replace the Neebish Islander II and that he has made some

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phone calls regarding the type of ferry that Harsons Island uses.

Paramski reported that the Sugar Island dock repairs to the hydraulic cylinder are complete. The boat was schedule to be down from 9am-3pm, however the repairs were completed early and the boat was up and running again by noon.

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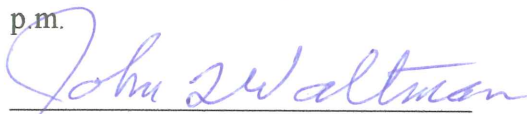
Paramski reported that EUPTA has hired a new part-time bus driver.

BOARD COMMENT:

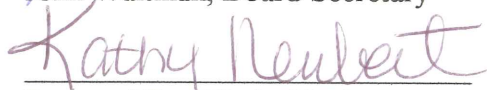
Trustee Egan stated that he feels it is important to Island Businesses to have the Drummond III back by the July 4th weekend.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Board, **IT WAS MOVED** by Trustee French; **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Egan to adjourn. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 4:43 pm. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday July 10th** at 2:00 p.m.



John Waltman, Board Secretary



Prepared By: Kathy Neubert