

Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority
SPECIAL Board Meeting Minutes
6/22/2026

I. Call to Order:

Board Chair, John Waltman, called the June 22, 2026 Special meeting of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority Board to order at 10:30 a.m.

II. Roll Call was taken:

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Waltman, Lynda Garlitz, Jeff Middlestead, and Joe Henne

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brandon Wheeler (excused)

III. Pledge of Allegiance:

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

IV. Agenda: Discussion. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote:

MOTION: Lynda Garlitz SECOND: Jeff Middlestead	Approve the agenda with the addition of EUPTA FOIA's after Neebish Island Easement Discussion
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V. Public Comment:

- None
- Director Paramski introduced Taylor Pratt, EUPTA's newest administrative team member.

VI. Neebish Island Easement discussion – Director Paramski informed the board of a recent request for easement at the Neebish and Sugar crossings from Spectrum Mid-America, LLC, a fiber optic utility company installing broadband lines for an expansion project. This will be a joint permit process with the USACE and the Chippewa County Road Commission. Director Paramski has been in contact with both parties working out details of the permit. There are many logistics to work through and he will keep the board apprised of the process.

VII. EUPTA FOIA discussion – Director Paramski informed the board there has been an influx of Freedom of Information Act requests. They are basically all from the same person. They are all being turned over to our legal counsel for review and response advisement. The subject matter of the FOIA's is all over the board. Our legal team is monitoring and reviewing these requests closely. Foster Swift is a very large legal firm with offices in Detroit, Grand Rapids, Lansing among others. They specialize in municipal law and have a division that exclusively handles FOIA related issues. Director Paramski wanted the board to be informed of this as they will see an increase in costs to Foster & Swift. This is a very unfortunate use of public funds.

VIII. Closed Session: Discussion; It was moved and carried by roll call

vote:

MOTION: Lynda Garlitz	Go into closed session to discuss a personnel
SECOND: Joe Henne	issue at 11:04 a.m.

Garlitz – Yes; Henne – Yes; Middlestead – Yes; Waltman – Yes; Wheeler – Absent

IX. Open session: Discussion; It was moved and carried by roll call

vote:

MOTION: Joe Henne	Leave closed session and go into open session
SECOND: Lynda Garlitz	at 11:23 a.m.

Garlitz – Yes; Henne – Yes; Middlestead – Yes; Waltman – Yes; Wheeler – Absent

X. Personnel Matter: Discussion; It was moved and carried by roll call vote to:

MOTION: Lynda Garlitz	Make an employment offer to Ariana
SECOND: Joe Henne	Wolf for the Finance Director position

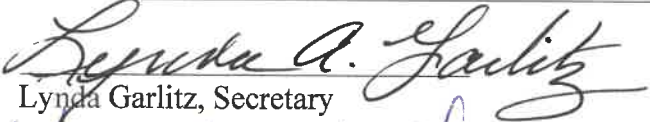
Garlitz – Yes; Henne – Yes; Middlestead – Yes; Waltman – Yes; Wheeler – Absent

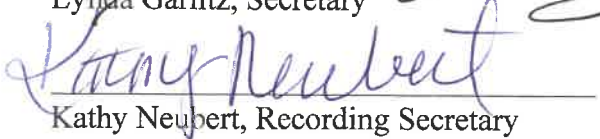
XI. Board Comment:

- Lynda Garlitz
- John Waltman

XII. Adjourn: It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to:

MOTION: Lynda Garlitz	Adjourn the meeting at 11:30 AM
SECOND: Joe Henne	


Lynda Garlitz, Secretary


Kathy Neubert, Recording Secretary

Board Approved: 8.04.2024