

Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, January 4, 2016

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ted Postula Frank Sasso Jack Kibble

MEMBERS ABSENT: Luce County board members not yet appointed

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: Chuck Moser Akemi Gordon
Lynda Schexnayder James 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 4:05p.m. by Chairman Sasso. All directors were present with the exception of Luce County board members not yet appointed.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES –December 7, 2015

With regard to Minutes for December 7, 2015; **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Kibble; **SUPPORTED** by Director Postula to approve said minutes. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT-P.E.-November 30, 2015.

GENERAL

Finance Director Gordon distributed and went over Electronic Funds transfers.

BUSING

Finance Director Gordon reported fares were up for the month of November. In Luce County we sold some prepaid tickets which increased our fares for that month. Overall our passenger counts were down for the month. We have also been able to reduce our expenses for the months of October and November by 20%.

FERRIES

Gordon reported the ferries have a 14% increase in fare revenue October and November. 11% increase in vehicles and 9% increase in passengers for the two months.

We have also reduced our expenses by a little over 7% for the ferry system.

MERS is working on 2 scenarios for our pension plan. It is possible we will have a report by the next meeting.

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VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Moser recommended doing some package delivery to Drummond Island by way of the EUPTA bus on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday's. We could transport packages up to 40 pounds for a charge of \$5 per unit. Pick up point for packages would need to be conveniently located.

Moser reported PVA's annual meeting is set for January 22-25 in Washington D.C. Moser reported he has utilized travel rewards for the flight and we will use RTAP funds for lodging and conference. There will be a legislative committee meeting on the first day of the conference. We have had some good news in regard to fighting off the out-of-water survival craft issue recently. The U.S. Senate approved language that we had hoped for to do away with the one-size-fits-all approach. The last remaining step is for the House to take up and approve the Senate-passed version. Concurrence is expected as the House voted for very similar survival craft language earlier.

Moser reported the final version 3rd party contract with Naval Architect should have approval soon. Contract will be for preliminary and final design and will provide estimated cost of construction.

Moser reported a new appointment to the State Transportation Commission is George Heartwell, former mayor of Grand Rapids.

VII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dunn spoke briefly regarding the Rural Transportation Act, obtaining Federal money and contacting the tribe.

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 4:40pm. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 1, 2016 at 4PM.

Ted Postula, Sec. /Treas.

Prepared By: Lynda Schexnayder