

Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday March 3, 2014

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ted Postula Michael Herbst Frank Sasso
Jack Kibble Dennis Robinson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None absent

**ADMINISTRATIVE
STAFF PRESENT:** Chuck Moser Akemi Gordon
Lynda Schexnayder

**ADMINISTRATIVE
STAFF ABSENT:** James Dunn, Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: See attached sign in 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. Attorney Dunn was absent.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES –February 3, 2014

With regard to Minutes for February 3, 2014; **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Herbst; **SUPPORTED** by Director Kibble to approve said minutes. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT-P.E.-January 31, 2014

GENERAL

Finance Director Gordon presented Resolution of Intent for Regular Service bus operations and Marine service operations. We are applying for Federal \$86,062 and State \$1,603,705. We have also applied for our JARC grant requesting \$31,560. This amount should cover the extended hours we have been offering as well. Capital requests include various vessel system upgrades on the marine application. We have applied for 2 bus replacements, reapplied for the mini-van with a ramp, a computer replacement and some maintenance tools. For the past several years we have also been requesting facility money which we have reapplied for in this application as well. **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Postula; **SUPPORTED** by Director Kibble to approve said resolution. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried.

BUSSING

Our bus passengers in Chippewa County are down 7% for the month and 7% YTD. In Luce County we are up 3% for the month and 2% YTD. Some of this can be attributable to our extended hours we have been providing.

FERRIES

Vehicles were down 12% from the January of 2013 and we are down 4% for the year. Passengers were down 10% for the month of January compared to last year and 1% for the year.

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VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Moser introduced Mark Gill, Director of Vessel Traffic Services. Mr. Gill gave a very detailed overview on the Ice Breaking situation. Mr. Gill expects a very challenging year with regard to ice at both the Drummond and Sugar Island Ferries. Long delays can be expected at both ferry crossings.

Director Moser introduced Ed DeTour, Executive Director at Northern Transitions, Inc., (NTI). Mr. DeTour is concerned with the recent proposal from Smith Sanitation to the Chippewa County Commission to take over the County's recycling program. Mr. DeTour explained what a negative impact the proposal would have on NTI and EUPTA bus service as well. NTI clients ride our buses. For the past 24 years NTI has provided jobs for people that could not otherwise find employment. They are proud of their program and would like to keep it.

Steve Kildal the current service provider for ferry service at Neebish Island advised the board that he is withdrawing his proposal to provide service. The current service agreement ends March 24, 2014.

Moser reported there is a small urban program that is a potential place to get transit capital. He will be looking into this.

Moser reported the Fogcutter deal is ready to close as far as the Title company and sellers are concerned. As soon as MDOT transfers the funds to the title company we can close.

VII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

There was no report given.

At this time Chairman Sasso called for a motion to go into Closed Session to update the board on the current Union Contract. **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Herbst; **SUPPORTED** by Director Postula to go into Closed Session. A Roll Call vote was taken at 5:05pm..

Director Robinson; yes

Director Herbst; yes

Director Kibble; yes

Director Postula; yes

Chairman Sasso; yes

IT WAS MOVED by Director Postula; **SUPPORTED** by Director Kibble to return to Open Session. A Roll Call vote was taken at 5:19pm..

Director Robinson; yes

Director Herbst; yes

Director Kibble; yes

Director Kibble; yes

Chairman Sasso; yes

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At 5:19pm Chairman Sasso called the meeting back to order in "Open Session".

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Board, **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Kibble; **SUPPORTED** by Director Herbst to adjourn. **UNANIMOUS**. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 7, 2014 at 4PM.

Ted Postula, Sec. /Treas.

Prepared By: Lynda Schexnayder