

# **Minutes of the Motor Carrier Advisory Board Meeting**

March 29, 2018

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## **Members Present**

Al DeMeestor  
Brian Hitchcock  
Carol Heinowski  
Glen Merkel  
James Burg  
Mike Rushing  
Nichole Gavriloski  
Paul Behmlander  
Randy Whitaker  
William Kotynski

## **Members Absent**

Don Lahring  
Joe Ballor  
Joshua Rhodes  
Robert Esler  
Sarah Stewart

## **MSP-CVED Staff Present**

Marci Kelley  
Jessica Kines  
Kelly Rosser

## **Ex Officio Members Present**

Inspector Coplin  
Dawn VanAken  
Aarne Frobom  
Seth Martin  
John Wallace

## **Others in Attendance**

Soya Gavriloski  
Stefania Ristoski  
Carl Vogler  
Brian Brink  
Scott Spray  
Dawn Hudson  
Peggy Johnson

## **Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m.

## **March 29, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

The agenda for the March 29, 2018 meeting and the meeting minutes from January 18, 2018 were approved.

## **Agency Reports**

### **Secretary of State (SOS)**

Ms. Dawn VanAken reported she would be meeting with Mr. James Fackler regarding new possibilities of Plate replacement.

The governor signed the Performance and Registration Information Systems Management legislation into law on March 19, 2018. International Registration Plan will be suspending plates for carriers that have been placed "out of service (OOS)" by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

The SOS have been collecting United States Department Of Transportation (USDOT) and Federal ID numbers for almost a year now. With the next renewal anyone who gives the USDOT or Federal ID number of someone they are leased to, the SOS will need to see a lease agreement.

### **Michigan Department of Treasury**

Mr. Seth Martin reported that the motor fuel tax is undergoing an entire system change, and will be implemented in July 2018.

### **Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)**

Ms. Peggy Johnson reported that MDOT now monitors truck travel-time reliability, as one of a series of performance indicators required by Federal Highway Administration under current highway law. These statistics will be publicly reported.

### **FMCSA**

Mr. John Wallace reported that April 1, 2018 the soft enforcement period ends and that FMCSA and state enforcement partners will begin enforcing non-compliance with Electronic Logging Devices (ELDs). If a driver is pulled over and does not have an ELD, they will be placed OOS for ten hours. After ten hours the driver will be permitted to leave if they have a paper log to complete their current dispatch and then head to their home base. They cannot be redispached until an ELD has been installed. Make sure your drivers are educated on what type of device they have in their truck, either an Automatic On Board Recording Device (AOBRD) or an ELD, they are required to have the manual for the device so the officer knows what type of device they will be looking at. If there are technical issues with the ELDs and/or the AOBRDs; enforcement has been asked not to take enforcement, but to report those issues to FMCSA. Basically, what roadside should do is verify compliance with the hours of service (HOS). Anything that shows up on the inspection reports after April 1, 2018, will affect your Safety Measurement System scores.

There are exceptions for HOS regarding agricultural commodities and FMCSA is working on the regulatory guidance for HOS. A 90-day waiver for installation of the ELD has been extended until June 18, 2018.

Mr. John Wallace reported that the final guidance regarding "personal conveyance" should be announced by June 18, 2018.

There are two pilot programs FMCSA will be presenting this Summer.

- 1) Under 21 Covered Driver– anyone between 18-20 years of age with specific military heavy operator driver training.
- 2) Flexible Sleeper Berth – drivers that will split the ten-hour rule differently than the current split.

### **Michigan State Police (MSP). Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (CVED)**

MC Inspector Coplin reported that the 90-day grace period for enforcement of the 2018 Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) will expire on April 5, 2018. Starting April 5, 2018, your 2018 UCR must be in compliance and the MSP will start issuing citations for non-compliance.

This is the last week of in-service for MSP/CVED officers for 2018 and all officers have received training on ERODs and ELDs.

The MSP is currently negotiating with the Michigan Public Safety Communications System regarding the consolidation of a backup communication center and a new facility at the Ionia Weigh Station. The bidding will go out early this summer. Once a bid is accepted, the facility will shut down for 12-15 months.

Weigh stations that are PrePass compliant are Coldwater, northbound and southbound Monroe, and eastbound New Buffalo. Grass Lake will be PrePass compliant by this summer and the MSP is moving forward with the Pontiac Scales as well.

Ms. Marci Kelley reported that the UCR compliance rate is at 78 percent. Ms. Marci Kelley mentioned some of the improvements that the CVED-Regulatory and Credentialing Section is looking at implementing.

### **Michigan Center for Truck Safety (MCTS)**

No representative was present.

### **Legislation Update**

- Semi-Trailer Wheelbase has been signed into Law by the Governor.
- Oversize Multiple-Trip Permits has been revised and will be effective February 2019.
- Heavier Truck Weight.
- Bike Clearance.
- Weigh Stations.
- Misload Fines.

**New Business**

None to report.

**Future Meeting Topics**

- Mr. Fackler – Plates.
- Canadian Speaker.

**Public Comment**

None to report.

**Old Business**

None to report.

**Presentation**

A presentation was given by Spl/Sgt. Joseph Austin, MSP regarding ELD.

**Next Meeting Date and Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made and carried by the board. The meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 17, 2018. The meeting will be held in the 1917 Conference Room located at the MSP Headquarters, 7150 Harris Drive, Dimondale, Michigan 48821.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marci Kelley, Chair  
Motor Carrier Advisory Board