

Minutes of the Motor Carrier Advisory Board Meeting

May 17, 2018

Members Present

Al DeMeestor
Carol Heinowski
Glen Merkel
James Burg
Mike Rushing
Paul Behmlander
Randy Whitaker
William Kotynski
Don Lahring
Joe Ballor
Joshua Rhodes
Dawn Hudson designated alternate for
Sarah Stewart

Members Absent

Brian Hitchcock
Nichole Gavriloski
Robert Esler

MSP-CVED Staff Present

Marci Kelley
Capt. Mike Krumm
Jessica Kines

Ex Officio Members Present

Insp. Randy Coplin
Aarne Frobom
Dawn VanAken
John Wallace
Seth Martin

Others in Attendance

Richard Stack
Tom Tellier
Jason Cole
Scott Spray
Jeff Cranson

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

May 17, 2018 Agenda and Meeting Minutes

The agenda for the May 17, 2018, meeting and the meeting minutes from the March 28, 2018 meeting were approved.

Agency Reports

Michigan Center for Truck Safety (MCTS)

No representative present.

At the last commissioners meeting that Captain Krumm attended there were some issues that were passed regarding MCTS. The annual budget was approved for the MCTS and the Michigan State Police (MSP) enforcement. Ms. Michelle Zelma was appointed as the director for MCTS. There was a presentation of the new skid pad scheduled to be installed near the Vehicle Transportation Services building. The conservative estimate for the skid pad was about four to five million dollars. The next step is for the commission to identify the upfront funding sources.

Secretary of State (SOS)

Ms. Dawn VanAken reported that the Performance and Registration Information Systems Management (PRISM) training is going very well and they will be submitting a document to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) to upgrade PRISM to an enhanced version.

SOS is still expecting the new registration system to be implemented in February 2019. SOS asked about a training module for the new system, but this has not been developed at this time. They expect the system to be intuitive to the public, but are relying on analytics to see where people may be having problems

Ms. Dawn VanAken met with Mr. James Fackler regarding plate replacement options.

Michigan Department of Treasury

Mr. Seth Martin reported an International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) notice regarding Electric Powered Qualified motor vehicles operating between California and Nevada which they felt inclined to add electricity and hydrogen to the taxable fuel types for IFTA. This has been implemented. The only jurisdiction that added a tax rate for electricity is Pennsylvania. The conversion is 1 kw hour equals 1 gallon of fuel. Michigan will not be charging any fuel tax for electricity, but will be charging fuel tax for hydrogen at the diesel rate.

On January 15, 2018 three of the five 2017 ballots went to the polls and the following ballots passed:

- Ballot One - The intent to put a temporary decal on a rental vehicle that is being rented for 29 days or less. This is effective immediately.
- Ballot Five - The intent to display an electronic image of your IFTA license at your discretion. This is effective January 1, 2019.

Two of the proposed ballots for the 2018 polls are:

- Ballot Three - is to change the definition of the base jurisdiction.
- Ballot Four - is to set firm deadline dates for quarterly the tax rates posted by jurisdictions.

To date IFTA has 357 new carriers for this year and is currently running six percent less of total carriers than last year.

Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)

Mr. Aarnie Frobom reported that the ground breaking for the Gordi Howe International Bridge will commence in mid-July.

FMCSA

Mr. John Wallace reported that the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) Safe Driver Week is scheduled for July 15-21, 2018. There may be more inspections than usual that week and law enforcement may be focusing on driver behavior.

The Electronic Logging Device (ELD) waiver for rental trucks expired April 18, 2018 and has reverted to the eight-day exception. If you are unable to apply for the eight-day exception, you may contact the FMCSA for an extension. On May 18, 2018, FMCSA updated the frequently asked questions for ELDs and can be downloaded from the FMCSA website.

The agricultural commodities' exceptions for hours of service for a 90-day waiver for installation of the ELD has been extended until June 18, 2018.

Mr. John Wallace reported that he will have more information regarding personal conveyance and sleeper berths at the next MCAB meeting.

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

Captain Krumm reported that the MSP will be conducting an initiative along I-94. The MSP looked at crashes along that corridor and saw a seven percent increase over the last two years. There will be an increase of state troopers and motor carrier officers patrolling that area during the initiative.

The MSP CVED is conducting a Level III focus as part of a multi-state initiative July 2-6, 2018. Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan will be concentrating on hazardous driving violations.

The 23rd Motor Carrier Officer Recruit School starts August 5, 2018.

PrePass has been approved for installation at the Pontiac Weigh Station.

Ground breaking for reconstruction of the westbound Ionia Weigh Station will take place in August, and should be completed within 12-14 months.

Bids will be taking place for the Automated Weigh Station Screen System (AWSSS) at the New Buffalo and Coldwater Weigh Stations. The target date to begin installation is early August 2018. The completion date should be mid-fall 2018. The AWSSS will include a license plate reader, an optical reader for USDOT numbers, and an infrared thermal imaging device for brakes.

Inspector Coplin reported that Lt. Susan Fries will be retiring May 31, 2018 and Lt. John Holder will be her replacement.

The CVED is currently auditing the Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) system for carriers who are believed to be underpaying their UCR fees. The CVED does this by balancing the fee structure with the IRP plates or their MCS-150 form which is filed with FMCSA.

Inspector Coplin was contacted by Mr. Jeremy Orr, who is an Environmental Sustainability Planner for the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission and is working with the Department of Energy (DOE). Mr. Orr is looking to construct alternative fueling stations along the I-94 corridor. This is a grant program funded by DOE. They are looking at alternative fuels that are on the market right now and would like to contact a company located in the Kalamazoo area who is a compressed natural gas or natural gas user.

CVSA has posted some changes regarding the load secure requirements for trusses or floor joists.

Ms. Marci Kelley reported that the Regulatory and Credentialing Section (RCS) has collected \$60,000 since February 2018 due to increased audit efforts. RCS is working on expired UCR and CVED authority to increase Michigan's compliance rates. Currently, there are 282 carriers that have not renewed their 2018 CVED authority. RCS is contacting these carriers to verify if the businesses are still active. The UCR compliance rate is 85.77 percent and the goal is to increase the compliance rate to 95 percent by the end of the calendar year. RCS has been conducting UCR and MC Act refresher training to all the MSP CVED districts. The updated MC Act Administrative Rule re-write is on target and the public hearing will be scheduled this summer or fall.

Legislation Update

- Logging Vehicles: Spring Load Restrictions
- Tandem Axles
- Subdivision Speed Limits
- Driver License
- Out-of-State Citations
- Posting Bond
- Slow Down for Emergency Vehicles and Construction Workers
- Turn Signals

New Business

None to report.

Future Meeting Topics

- Mr. James Fackler with SOS regarding replacement plates.
- Mr. Bill Kotynski with Corrigan Oil regarding distracted driving (science & psychology behind safety).

Public Comment

None to report.

Old Business

None to report.

Presentation

A presentation was given by Mr. Scott Greene from MDOT, regarding over height loads.

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and carried by the board. The meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 20, 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