

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

March 17, 2016

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## **Members Present**

Don Beerens  
Joshua Rhodes  
Joe Ballor  
William Kotynski  
James Burg  
Karol Pawlos  
Al DeMeestor  
Nichole Gavriloski  
Sarah Stewart  
Brian Hitchcock

## **Members Absent**

Carol Heinowski  
Paul Behmlander  
Randy Whitaker  
Glen Merkel

## **MSP-CVED Staff Present**

Captain Krumm  
Nicholas Nwabueze  
Herb Fields  
Beth Schafer  
Vicky Acker  
Joe Austin

## **Ex Officio Members Present**

Dawn Wilson  
Seth Martin  
Arne Frobom  
John Wallace

## **Others in Attendance**

Chuck Simmons

## **Meeting Called to Order**

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

## **January 21, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting minutes from January 21, 2016, were approved. Motioned by Mr. Al DeMeestor and seconded by Mr. William Kotynski.

## **Agency Reports**

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

Captain Krumm reported that we had 13 new motor carrier officers that Graduated on February 26, 2016. We also have approval to run another school starting August 28, 2016. We have completed the bid for the Commercial Vehicle Exchange Window (CVEW) system and we expect this to be up and running by this summer. About a month ago the National annual report indicated that Michigan is one of the top three states in the nation, along with Ohio and Iowa in the enforcement of Truckers Against Trafficking Campaign.

Sargent Jo Austin reported on the 2016 Motor Carrier Electronic Credential Pilot. See handout. FAST Act, the bill was signed in December regarding the size and weight of commercial vehicles. There are different exemption allowances regarding size, weight and hours of service.

Dr. Nwabueze reported that permit renewals are going very well. He explained if you file a new application and you are missing information, a letter will be sent out listing the missing information and saying that you have 30 days to respond. If the response to the letter is not received with-in 30 days the application will be dismissed.

The Accela program will be up and running by the end of March 2016. We are trying to get CVEW tied in with Secretary Of State, Treasury and the officers on the road.

Herb Fields reported UCR renewals went really well as well as the permit renewals. You can still renew your permit, but you will need to add the late fees to the permit fee. The late fees are \$50 per month.

### **Secretary of State**

Dawn Wilson reported the March renewals are underway and they were at 40% in March. The PRISM conference call kicks off mid-April. There is an IRP annual meeting the first week of May.

### **Michigan Department of Treasury**

Seth Martin reported the IFTA renewals are normal. There has been talk about alternative fuel tax that kicks in as well as the tax rate for changes for diesel tax effective January 1, 2017. We are evaluating all the new fuel types that will be incorporated in the IFTA tax. We are also exploring any exemptions in the bills. IFTA is ready to link with CVEW when they get the go ahead. Anyone who didn't renew by Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> were canceled. IFTA never required a DOT. We have required all applicants to have a current DOT but if we discover an invalid DOT number or a DOT number not in good status, your license application will be rejected.

### **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)**

Mr. John Wallace reported that the Unified Registration System (URS) is proceeding as planned. September 2016 you will be able to access the system to update your information. December 2016 is when you will need to have the insurance information to them. The FAST Act requires them to take the SMS scores down, but your absolute measures are back up.

CDL's driver training requirements. Whenever you apply for an A or B CDL you will be subjected to behind the wheel training.

Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA) There is an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking going on and the agency will take comments up to the middle of June. The agency is considering issuing requirements regarding OSA.

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

Mr. Alfred Newell reported that the SIM training goal has been met and they have given the presentation on different subjects to about 1,100 people. The training information is on the web page at [www.truckingsafety.org](http://www.truckingsafety.org) and is mirrored on the facebook page. The SIM will be at the Traffic Safety Summit at the Kellogg center and MI Safety Conferences which will be at either the VanAndel or the Amway Grand in Grand Rapids.

The Farmers Transportation Guidebook has been updated and a link can be found on our website.

### **Michigan Department of Transportation**

Aarne Frobom reported that the department hired a new engineer for Utilities and Permits, his name is Scott Greene. FAST Act is the Federal bill that authorizes the whole highway program for the next six years. It's full of requirements for planning on the state highways for moving freight, it also contains FAST LANE which stands for Fostering Advancements & Shipping & Transportation for the Longterm Achievement of National Efficiencies. This is worth \$800 million nationwide in the form of grants to the states.

### **Legislation Update**

- Towing Disabled Trucks. Eliminate 25 and 50-mile restrictions on towing disabled truck-tractor semitrailer combinations
- Forestry Trucks. Prohibit road agencies from requiring permits, imposing fees, or enacting ordinances closing roads to log trucks of normal size and weight.
- County Permits. Prohibit road commissions from requiring a permit for "an activity that is otherwise permissible" under state law (such as driveways to land being logged).

### **Public Comment**

None

### **New Business**

None

**Presentations**

James Burg gave a presentation regarding Traffic Crash reports. Handout given.

**Future Meeting Topics**

A recommendation was made to invite John Woodruff (UMTRI), James Burg offered to cover any expenses that may occur. Topic - national economy to increase truck size & weight.

Bring in someone from Canada to get their input regarding trucking and their laws. If you have anyone you think may be willing to come and do a presentation, please e-mail Dr. Nwabueze.

**Old Business**

None

**Next Meeting Date and Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. William Kotynski and carried by the board.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 am on May 19, 2016. The location will be the Centennial conference room located at the MSP Headquarters, 7150 Harris Drive, Diamondale, MI 48821.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Motor Carrier Advisory Board