

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

May 18, 2017

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## **Members Present**

Glen Merkel  
Al DeMeestor  
Randy Whitaker  
Carol Heinowski  
Joe Ballor  
William Kotynski  
Don Beerens  
James Burg  
Paul Behmlander  
Sarah Stewart  
Joshua Rhodes

## **Members Absent**

Nichole Gavriloski  
Brian Hitchcock  
Don Lahring

## **MSP-CVED Staff Present**

Captain Krumm  
Inspector Coplin  
Marci Kelley  
Beth Schafer  
William Brandon  
Simone Wilson

## **Ex Officio Members Present**

John Wallace  
Seth Martin  
Aarne Frobom  
Diane Guigue

## **Others in Attendance**

Mike Rushing  
Doug Childs  
Scott Spray

## **Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

## **November 17, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

The agenda for the May 18, 2017 meeting was approved. Motion by Mr. Paul Behmlander & seconded by Mr. Glen Merkel. The meeting minutes from January 19, 2017 were approved. Motioned by Mr. James Burg and seconded by Mr. Paul Behmlander.

## **Agency Reports**

### **Michigan Department of Transportation**

Mr. Aarne Frobom reported that Mid America Association State Transportation Official (MAASTO) is an organization of the highway agencies for ten states. The ten MAASTO states have formed a permanent Motor Carrier committee, which includes those working on a parking project and a permit unification project across the Mid-American states. This is a way to exchange information and improve operations between the ten state highway agencies and other government agencies within the states that regulate the trucking industry. The MAASTO board would like to have a couple of MCAB members participate with their bi-monthly teleconferences.

Construction on south bound I-75 is moving ahead nicely.

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

Captain Krumm announced DTMB is finalizing a proposal of a skid pad design. The most recent bid and most favorable location is on the other side of the Vehicle and Travel Service (VTS) Building, Crouner Drive. The Michigan Truck Safety Commission (MTSC) has allocated \$100,000 to get a cost study done and approved. Next, the MTSC is trying to determine how much they can afford to complete the project.

In 2006, CMV related traffic fatality crashes increased 41% from the previous year; however, the CMV driver at fault decreased 10%. This summer the MSP/CVED will be running an enforcement program in the high crash areas similar to "Eyes on 94."

The MSP/CVED is working on a proposal to rebuild the westbound Ionia weigh station building. The new building could possibly be completed in late 2018 if approved.

The I94 westbound New Buffalo weigh station will be under maintenance repair. Approximately 500 feet of concrete will be replaced and the weigh station is scheduled to close for 45 days once the maintenance begins. Project is scheduled to be completed no later than October of 2017.

Captain Krumm supports both the DriveWyze and PrePass programs. He believes the programs benefit the industries and reduces weigh station congestion. Along with the MDOT, the MSP has signed a three year extension of the DriveWyze contract. Once the PrePass contract is up for renewal, the plan is to also sign a three year extension. The MSP is also looking into adding PrePass to the Ionia, Fowlerville, and Pontiac facilities.

The next Motor Carrier Officer Recruit School will start on August 13, 2017.

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

Ms. Diane Guigre reported that the SOS is currently working on the June renewals and using the new PRISM system. This program is collecting the US DOT and VIN numbers for carriers responsible for safety. SOS is also hiring personnel to help with renewals.

### **Michigan Department of Treasury**

Mr. Seth Martin reported that two IFTA ballots were submitted to the IFTA organization in March. Two ballots might be of interest if they are passed. The ballots will be officially voted on for passage in March 2018. The ballots can be found at [www.iftach.org](http://www.iftach.org). The website has an option to read and print all five ballots by clicking on "ballots" in the banner at the top. It also has the option to view the current comments by all jurisdictions. Ballot number one amends the display of decals for short-term vehicle rentals. Ballot number five is an amendment to the IFTA articles of agreement to require jurisdictions to accept electronic images of IFTA license and temporary decals in place of paper, at the option of the licensee.

The fuel tax rate went up; Michigan now collects on all fuel types, not just diesel.

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

Mr. John Wallace reported there is a new release of the frequently asked questions regarding the Electronic Logging Device (ELD) that are posted on the website:

[https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/sites/fmcsa.dot.gov/files/docs/ELD\\_Rule\\_Frequently\\_Asked\\_Questions\\_0.pdf](https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/sites/fmcsa.dot.gov/files/docs/ELD_Rule_Frequently_Asked_Questions_0.pdf)

One of the questions raised was, whether or not "grandfathered" automatic onboard recording device (AOBRD) can be used. The answer to this question is on page 5, question 4.

A discussion was held regarding personal conveyance and guidance restrictions. There was a motion made and passed to draft a letter to FMCSA regarding expanding the personal conveyance area or the hours of service issues plaguing carriers. The following two issues should be addressed in the letter:

1. How to handle situations when picking up a load and running out of hours while on private property.
2. The vagueness in the description of personal conveyance.

The Restart study results have been published. FMCSA conducted a study regarding the Restart Rules. It was decided to revert back to the less restrictive rule. Drivers are not required to have the two 1:00 a.m.; 5:00 a.m. periods and they can use the 34-hour restart. The 34-hour restart can be used as many times as needed within 168 hours. Questions and answers regarding the Restart study are posted on the website:

<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/sites/fmcsa.dot.gov/files/docs/CMV%20Driver%20Restart%20Study-FAQs-March-8-2017.pdf>

### **Legislation Update**

- Agricultural Drain-Tubing Trucks increase length to 75 feet.
- Paperless Registration

New Local Ordinances introduced to the Legislature

- Ann Arbor – Idling: Prohibit idling of any commercial vehicle(Diesel or gas) when unoccupied, or more than 5 minutes in any hour if occupied
- Detroit – Parking Tickets: \$500 fine for parking in Woodward Avenue streetcar track, plus towing and storage charges.

There was a bill passed repealing FMCSA regulations on government vehicles and their drivers.

### **Presentation**

A presentation and demonstration was made by Lt. John Holder regarding the Commercial Vehicle Information Exchange Window (CVIEW) software and InSPECT currently used by the MSP motor carrier officers.

Certificates and CVED Coins were presented to different companies who volunteered trucks for the 2017 MSP CVED in-service training.

### **Future Meeting Topics**

Members would like to hear from a representative from Canada regarding the Canadian transportation regulations and/or border crossing information.

An interest was also expressed regarding the federal wage regulations and how some trucking personnel have a different classification than people in the general work force for overtime, etc.

### **Public Comment**

None.

### **New Business**

Inspector Coplin discussed the option of the MCAB not meeting in July, and was approved. The MCAB will change all meetings every other month starting in September and ending in May.

At the last meeting, Inspector Coplin asked if the board wanted to establish a focus group to discuss oversized permits. This has been temporarily tabled due to State Representative Tristan Cole working with MDOT to make changes to oversized/overweight permits. The focus group can be established after the draft of changes. This will be readdressed at the September meeting.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **Next Meeting Date and Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made and carried by the board. The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 am on Thursday, September 21, 2017. The location will be in the 1917 conference room located at the MSP Headquarters, 7150 Harris Drive, Dimondale, MI 48821.

Respectfully submitted,

Insp. Randy Coplin, Acting Chairman  
Motor Carrier Advisory Board