

# *Minutes of the Motor Carrier Advisory Board Meeting*

January 20, 2011

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## **Members Present**

George Thompson  
Don Lahring  
Greg Gorno  
Mike Haller  
Doug Ostrowski  
William Kotynski  
Al DeMeester  
Don Messing  
Vince Held Sr.  
Don Beerens

## **MPSC Staff Present**

Herb Fields  
Louise Clark  
Ron Howe

## **ExOfficio Members Present**

Diane Guigue for Kirk Forbes  
Aarne Frobom  
Ron Crampton  
John Wallace  
Leri McClure  
Jill Skutar

## **Others in Attendance**

Matt Fabry  
Kristi O'Boyle  
Robert Whaley  
Peggy Johnson

## **Members Absent**

Mickey Blashfield  
Frank Malette  
Carl Brune  
Glen Merkel  
Brian Hitchcock

## **Meeting Called to Order**

Acting Chairman Herb Fields introduced himself and called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. After introductions, Mr. Fields expressed appreciation to the Board members and others in the audience for attending the meeting.

## **November 18, 2010 Meeting Minutes and Today's Agenda**

The agenda for today's meeting was approved. The minutes of the November 18, 2010 meeting were approved as written.

## **Agency Reports**

### **State Police/Traffic Safety Division**

Ron Crampton reported that Captain Harold Love is the new commander of the Traffic Safety Division. Mr. Crampton also reported that improvements to truck weigh stations on the state trunkline system are being completed.

### **Transportation**

Aarne Frobom reported that Governor Snyder wants to move forward quickly with the DRIC project. Mr. Frobom also reported on federal and state aid for 2012. Mr. Frobom stated that the Governor has taken an interest in Michigan's border crossings as it relates to the trucking industry.

### **State**

Diane Guigue reported that the new online IRP system began on December 15, 2010 and it is doing well. Information about the new system was included with the renewal mailings. Ms. Guigue described to the Board how to sign on and use the new system.

### **Treasury**

Leri McClure reported that the electronic licensing system is going well and encouraged carriers to renew electronically as well.

### **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

John Wallace reported that the Hours of Service proposed rulemaking has been issued. Mr. Wallace prepared a synopsis of the proposed HOS requirements for commercial truck drivers and distributed the handout to the Board. The rulemaking proposal was published in the Federal Register on December 29, 2010 and the public will have 60 days to comment.

### **Public Service Commission**

Herb Fields reported that MPSC mailed out approximately 1586 renewals for Intrastate and Household Goods authority and of those, 1365 are completed and 187 carriers could have their authority revoked for non-renewal. Those carriers who are scheduled for revocation will be published in the Motor Carrier Information Bulletin. Mr. Fields reported that we have asked that the UCR enforcement not begin until February 1, 2011 to allow carriers to become compliant.

### **Michigan Center for Truck Safety**

Jill Skutar reported that the upcoming Michigan Truck Exposition & Safety Symposium is scheduled for February 15-16, 2011 at the Lexington Lansing Hotel. Ms. Skutar encouraged everyone to attend.

## **New Business**

Robert Whaley from MDOT spoke on truck speed limits and permitted oversize/overweight moves. Mr. Whaley also asked if the Board would be interested in receiving information regarding topics related to the trucking industry and the Board invited Mr. Whaley to attend our meetings when he receives information relevant to the industry.

Matt Fabry from FMCSA gave a presentation on CSA 2010 which included:

SMS – Safety Measurement System

SFD - Safety Fitness Determination

BASIC – Behavioral Analysis & Safety Improvement Categories

Mr. Fabry also spoke about the new Pre-Employment Screening Program (PSP)

## **Legislation Update**

Mr. Frobom briefly reported on current Bills introduced to the Legislature that could affect the trucking industry.

## **Future Meeting Topics**

None

## **Public Comment**

None

## **Next Meeting Date and Adjournment**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in Hearing Room A of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Herb Fields, Acting Chairman  
Motor Carrier Advisory Board