

Minutes of the Motor Carrier Advisory Board Meeting

September 16, 2010

Members Present

George Thompson
Frank Malette
Greg Gorno
William Kotynski
Doug Ostrowski
Carl Brune
Al DeMeester
Mike Haller
Vince Held Sr.
Glen Merkel
Don Beerens

MPSC Staff Present

Michael Fielek
Louise Clark
Bob Tuttle
Cindy Swix
Brad Banks
Ron Howe
Lacie Latimore

ExOfficio Members Present

Kirk Forbes
Aarne Frobom
Ron Crampton
John Wallace

Others in Attendance

Jason Firman
Nina Ryan
Melissa Howe
Patrick Munich

Members Absent

Mickey Blashfield
Brian Hitchcock
Don Lahring
Don Messing

Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Michael Fielek called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. After introductions, he expressed appreciation to the Board members and others in the audience for attending the meeting.

July 15, 2010 Meeting Minutes and Today's Agenda

The agenda for today's meeting was approved. The minutes of the July 15, 2010 meeting were approved as written.

Agency Reports

State Police/Traffic Safety Division

Ron Crampton reported that several of the scales facilities are being refurbished to improve service to the industry. Mr. Crampton also reported that State Police Traffic Safety Division is working with the Highway Planning Commission to secure a grant to fund TACT (Targeting Aggressive Cars around Trucks). This program would enable officers to concentrate on enforcement in the corridors where most car/truck accidents occur.

Transportation

Jason Firman reported that MDOT has partnered with the State Police to work on the weigh scale improvements that was discussed by Ron Crampton. Aarne Frobom briefly reported on how MDOT funding works. Mr. Frobom also reported on the “new” HB 4961; D.R.I.C.

State

Kirk Forbes reported that the new Explore/IRP system went live on August 30, as scheduled. Mr. Forbes stated that the targeted date that the system will be available to carriers is January 15, 2011. Mr. Forbes stated that he would like to provide a demonstration to the Board before the January 15 date. Renewals are also being prepared during this transition.

Treasury

None

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

John Wallace reported that the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) Operation Air Brake Campaign is currently going on. The objective of this campaign is to reduce the number of highway crashes caused by faulty braking systems on commercial vehicles by conducting roadside inspections and educating drivers of proper brake inspection, maintenance, and operation. Mr. Wallace reported on the Final Rule on Electronic On-Board Recorders (EOBR) which is a system that automatically records the drivers Hours of Service (HOS). The Rule was published in April of 2010 and is currently in effect. The mandatory compliance date is June 2012. Mr. Wallace stated that only drivers who consistently have a pattern of serious safety violations during compliance reviews will have to use the EOBR for two years. A remedial directive would also be issued to these drivers as a condition of fitness to operate. Mr. Wallace stated that the FMCSA recently amended the performance standards for the EOBR's regarding operating temperatures and diagnostic fault codes. Mr. Wallace also reported on Regulatory

Guidance that was issued in June 2010 pertaining to the preparation of a driver's record of duty status. It is now permissible to have a scanned copy of the record of duty status which will eliminate duplicate copies. Mr. Wallace also reported on a policy change that determines if supporting documents are still required depending on whether or not the driver uses a type of GPS technology.

Public Service Commission

Herb Fields reported that the UCR Board has agreed that the 2011 renewals should be mailed between October 15 and November 15, 2010 in order for the carriers to be in compliance on January 1, 2011. The Board has recommended that enforcement of the 2011 UCR begin on February 1, 2011. Mr. Fields also reported that the Intrastate renewals for 2011 are being processed and are scheduled to be mailed the first week of October.

Michigan Center for Truck Safety

None

New Business

Comprehensive Safety Analysis (CSA) 2010 presentation to be given by Patrick Munich from the FMCSA at the November 18, 2010 meeting.

Legislation Update

Mr. Frobom reported on Bills introduced to the Legislature that could affect the trucking industry. Mr. Frobom briefly reported on HB 6151 COMPLETE STREETS; HB 6398 LOCAL-OPTION FUEL TAX; AND SB 1069 IDLING.

Future Meeting Topics

None

Public Comment

None

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in Hearing Room A of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing. The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Fielek, Chairman
Motor Carrier Advisory Board

