

Elected Committee of Blind Venders

(Open, approved)

Date: Tuesday, January 8, 2008, 1:30 – 4:00 P.M.

Location: Gef # 1, Room A415
201 East Washington Ave., Madison, WI, 53702

Present: Members: Dan Sippl Chairman, Joyce Cotes Vice-Chairman, John Fritz Secretary, Sally Zenchenko Treasure, Theresa Miller, Arlene Maus & Mark Papapetru (via telephone)

Staff: Joseph D'Costa, Greg Feypel, Jim Juran, Kent Walser, Lorie Lange, Scott McDonald, Roland Couey, Manuel Lugo

Guests: Brian Taylor, Jim Spencer, Tom Vanbeek DOT, Tom Packard & Laurie Judd-Breuch RFW

Meeting called to order at 1:38 P.M. by Chairman, Dan Sippl.

1:38 Introductions

 Wayside Vandalism.

Rest area discussions.

Dan expressed the concerns at the rest areas due to the growing problem with vandalism.

Kent discussed the purpose of the ECBV Committee to the

guests, also, described the overview of the vandalism. Tom discussed the growing concern in costs. He talked about possible solutions such as Video cameras. Tom V talked about DOT committing installation of cameras in all rest areas.

Discussions took place about security of machines such as alarm systems with audio and visual indications.

Continued dialog will go on over the next few months.

SLA report:

Manuel reported the quarterly SLA/RSVW meeting was productive.

Joseph discussed the draft letter to RSA for the RSVW board make-up to bring the nominee contract in compliance with RSA recommendations. RSVW will be acting on amending their by-laws to diversify the composition of the board in line with RSA recommendations. The RSVW board can not be made up in mass of ECBV members. RSVW will be requesting to change the by-laws so that non BEP operators can be on the board.

Approval of Minutes

Sally move, mark seconded, Approve as corrected. Voice vote passed.

Financial Report Update

Read by Lorie Discussion took place on projected budget due low set-a-side collections. Operators need to keep reports and set-a-side payments current ASAP!

Trainees IPE's need to participate with small business committee with business plan to approve or deny.

Cafeteria Update

Greg asked about the Time frame for on managing site by RSVW without an operator. RSVW is responsible to operate the site in case of absents of the blind operator. Lean toward a case by case basis.

Interim Committee report:

Mark reported that the site tours took place.

Dan talked about national training session. Suggesting committee members attend one per year.

Meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Fritz, Secretary ECBV