

ONEIDA-VILAS TRANSIT COMMISSION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 29, 2017

ATTENDANCE: Erv Teichmiller, Bob Mott, Bill Freudenberg, Sue Richmond, Dianne Jacobson and Jim Altenburg.

CALL TO ORDER: Teichmiller called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. at the Transit Commission office in Rhinelander noting this meeting was properly posted in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law and meets the Americans with Disabilities Act.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Mott to approve Agenda in any order as per the chair with a second by Teichmiller. All ayes. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 12, 2017: Motion by Mott with one correction to Bureau of Public Lands. Second by Freudenberg. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

2017 BUDGET REVIEW: Need to keep expenses and payroll at \$32,000 to \$35,000 per month. A few employees have been laid-off. There is a compression of services. We will continue with the Headwaters routes, once monthly route from Phelps to Rhinelander, Monday-Wednesday-Friday routes from Eagle River to Minocqua and multiple Food Pantry routes. Service will be compressed rather than eliminated.

24 HOUR NOTICE REVIEW: Transit Manager reported a 40% drop in ridership with the new call ahead policy. Rather than overreact, let's see what happens in the next few weeks. We have some level of flexibility while customers alter their behavior. The board made the 24-hour notice a policy statement in response to the budget cuts.

WisDOT/FEDERAL FUNDING: The State of Wisconsin received the funds last Friday. We should receive the funds the 4th, 5th or 6th of October. Balance is \$110,000. Reminder that the 3rd quarter funds are the last funds received until February. We've had a 2-3 year working relationship with WisDOT and now that relationship is strained through poor communication and inaccurate information. We would like a sit-down meeting with Ian Ritz, his supervisor and our legislators. Looking at funding for 2018, one option would be a revolving line of credit from a bank. OVTC looking at hiring a Fiscal Agent.

2018 BUDGET: Board looking for a 2018 business model. Transit Manager to have plan by mid-October. Current system is ineffective with our people driving all over the place. It's difficult to have the elderly walk to bus stop. Transit Manager to look at rates charged for contracted services. Discussed line by line proposed budget.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS: Received open records request from Matthew Daily of DisCab and Vilas County Board on behalf of StarGazer. Transit Manager to communicate with

both that we will get this information as quickly as possible and that there will be a fee for the request.

Meeting adjourned at 11:01 p.m.

Minutes reflect the recorder's notations and are subject to approval by the appropriate committee.

Respectfully submitted by:

Barb Newman, Office Manager
Oneida-Vilas Transit Commission