ONEIDA VILAS TRANSIT COMMISSION

January 26, 2023

MINUTES

Attendance: Present Marvin Anderson, Billy Fried (via Zoom), Fred Radtke (Via Zoom), Holly Tomlanovich, Richard Logan, Conner Showalter (Via Zoom). Absent Toni Rio. Others present Transit Manager Barb Newman, Sue Richmond Vilas County ADRC Director, Joel Gottsacker Oneida County ADRC Manager and Brian Jopek The Lakeland Times.

Called to order by Chairman Anderson at 9.02 A.M. at Vilas County Court House, 330 court Street, Conference Room B, Eagle River, WI. Noting that this meeting was properly posted in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law and meets the American with Disability Act.

ESTABLISHED A QUORUM: 7 Of 8 Member present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Radtke, second by Winquist to approve minutes. All Ayes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Tomlanovich, second by Logan to approve agenda. All ayes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON: Public Comments. None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON: Building Committee Report: Building Committee chair no updates. Radtke mention a building the committee looked at has been sold. Fried asked if there was a timeline on the funds OVTC would use for the local share. Gottsacker replied that usually the state doesn’t like more than $80,000.00 in that account. Due to Covid there hasn’t been much pressure to disperse it but would expect some in the upcoming year.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON Quarterly Bus Report: Noah Wolters was introduced to the board. Noah started in September as a mechanic for OVTC. Wolters shared with board his interested in mechanics started with small engines and just progressed from there. He took automotive class at Rhinelander High and currently in his final semester at Nicolet Technical College. Wolters proceeded to walk the board through the printed Fleet Report current location and maintenance/report performed in the last three months.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CAPITALATION POLICY: Unfortunately, the policy wasn’t part of the material emailed out earlier so a vote cannot be held. Will make sure it is e-mailed with February material. Showalter advice that the minimum asset of Capital be increased because something will always come up in five to ten years.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REMOTE ATTENDANCE POLICY: Starting in Section A and following Northwoods Transit Connection needs to be changed to: Oneida – Vilas Transit Commission. In Section B language was added so board members could attend both open or closed meeting remotely. Redundant language was struck after that change. Section B (2) was eliminated altogether. Section 3 © and (D) were eliminated altogether. The first line following “closed Meetings” in Section H was eliminated. The policy needs to back to the lawyer with those changes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON VOUCHERS: Because of the cancellation of the last meeting there were three vouchers to review. Newman explained that Highway 47 Rentals gave OVTC grace on the rent payment and so the figure showed on the voucher was for both January and February. The December 22, 2022, Voucher had the expense of repairs to N-11 after an accident occurred the insurance company took care of some of that expense. There was a line item for Truck country on December 6, 2022, voucher for a check that was voided because the total included tax which OVTC doesn’t pay.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON QUARTERLY RIDERSHIP: 2022 Ridership was on par with 2021. Still feeling effects of Covid – 12. We’ve lost some riders due to Covid and still others aren’t comfortable yet to take public transportation. Tomlanovich asked how Headwaters work into the ridership? Newman explained that OVTC has three buses that pick-up riders that go to Headwaters.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: OVTC February meeting will be held in Rhinelander. Hoping to have an OVTC Meeting in the Lakeland area. Wis DOT has reached out about Quarter 4. Both Oneida and Vilas ADRC’s have given their funds up front. Finalize the drug testing consortium. All the W-2s are out. Ice and snow were a big issue for the last four weeks. The Christmas party was held January 21, 2023, a good time was had by all.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Remote Attendance, Capitalization Policy.

Adjournment: 10:31 A.M.

NEXT MEETING: February 23, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

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