

**ADRC COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
September 27, 2023**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Ted Cushing, Chairman, Mr. Russ Fisher, Mr. James Unger, Ms Linnaea Newman, Ms. Joan Hauer (Zoom), Ms. Melanie Fralick, Ms. Nancy Watry, Ms. Debbie Condado, Ms. Rita Mahner

COMMITTEE MEMBER EXCUSED ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Ms. Heidi Chavez (Zoom), Mr. Joel Gottsacker, Ms. Jeri Driscoll


OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Barb Newman, Northwoods Transit Connection

1. **Call to order:** Chairperson Mr. Ted Cushing called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Balsam Room at the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), 100 Keenan Street, Rhinelander, WI and via Zoom. The meeting has been properly posted in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law and the facility is handicap accessible.
2. **Approval of agenda:** Motion by Ms. Nancy Watry, seconded by Ms. Melanie Fralick, to approve today's agenda with the order of items at the Chair's discretion. All ayes; motion carried.
3. **Public comment/communications:** None
4. **Minutes of August 28, 2023:** Motion by Mr. James Unger, seconded by Ms. Linnaea Newman to approve the August 28, 2023 ADRC Committee minutes as presented. All ayes; motion carried.
5. **Date for next meeting:** Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Aging and Disability Resource Center.
6. **ADRC Specialist Appreciation Week – September 25th – 29th:** September 25th – 29th is ADRC Specialist Appreciation Week. Thank you to our ADRC Specialists.
7. **Falls in Wisconsin Data and services available through the ADRC regarding falls prevention:** Jennifer Sackett, ADRC Specialist did a presentation to the committee regarding falls in Wisconsin. Wisconsin has the most deaths related to falls. The ADRC does different programs related to falls prevention. The goal is to get more people to more classes. We have to have eight people in a class in order to have the class. So far we haven't had to cancel but enrollment could improve. We will be posting information around town. ADRC Specialists have been promoting classes with each face-to-face visit. It was suggested to provide information to the Food Pantries to post. Informational only, no action needed.

8. **Transit request to utilize 85.21 Transportation Funds for major bus repairs:** Ms. Barbara Newman requested that \$1,132.51 from the 85.21 Transportation Fund to pay for repairs to one of the buses. Motion by Ms. Linnaea Newman, seconded by Ms. Debbie Condado to utilize 85.21 Funds for bus repairs. All ayes; motion carried.
9. **Northwoods Transit Connection Update:** Ms. Barb Newman reported that ridership is up a bit. They are working with Public Health to try and get people to the flu shot clinics. They also have Nicolet College run four times per day. Ms. Barb Newman reported that they got the verbal approval for some new smaller transits. Informational only, no action needed.
10. **Update on Marketing:** We are currently working with WJFW for a commercial. They got the language for the commercial done and will be working on footage. Informational only; no action needed.
11. **2023 Financial & Statistical Reports, Workers Compensation Report, Department Head Expense Voucher and Vendor Payment Report:** There was not a Department Head Expense Voucher Report. Committee reviewed the Workers Compensation Report. The committee will be receiving all payment reports starting next month. Informational only, no action needed.
12. **Monthly Reports/Advocacy Update:** Mr. Joel Gottsacker explained that there is concern after the ARPA money runs out and the cost of meals since it has risen dramatically. Advocating more for additional funds for meals. Informational only, no action needed.
13. **Future agenda:** If you have any additional agenda items, please see Ms. Mary Rideout, Mr. Joel Gottsacker or Mr. Ted Cushing.
14. **Public Comment:** No public comment
15. **Adjournment:** 9:30 a.m.



Committee Chairman



Committee Secretary