

Oneida Vilas Transit Commission

October 19, 2017

ATTENDANCE: Erv Teichmiller, Bob Mott, Bill Freudenberg, Milt Klingsporn and Chuck Hayes. Excused Fred Radtke and Ed Hammer. Jim Altenburg, Dianne Jacobson and Sue Richmond. Also in attendance: Carrie and Rich Linzmeier of Stargazer/Northwoods Mobility, Michelle of Rapid Cab.

CALL TO ORDER: Teichmiller called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. at the Transit Commission Building, 1831 N. Stevens Street, 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 THE AGENDA: Hayes made a motion to approve Agenda and in any order, as per the chair with a second by Klingsporn. All ayes. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There was a motion by Freudenberg with a second by Hayes to approve the Minutes of the Regular Commission Minutes of September 22, 2017. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

2017 BUDGET STATUS: Received 1st and 2nd quarter money from WisDOT. Anticipate \$82,000 for 3rd quarter expenses which leaves \$74,000 for 4th quarter. Compression of services started the 3rd week in September. Ridership for September was 4735. 23% drop. Public is adjusting to call ahead program. Anticipated increase in ridership once public adapts to call ahead program. Depending on budget may add back services or employees. No special events on calendar.

2018 PROPOSED BUDGET: Looking at a budget of \$822,247. An increase from the \$685,000 from 2017. Need a spot in budget for possible \$6,000 loan interest. The budget is similar to other transits which have been in business for 20/22 years. Board looking at bridge loan or private funding so that we won't have a cash flow shortage again next year.

NEW BUSES AND MATCH: Three new buses arrived. Grant in under our custodial care. Buses need to be outfitted and inspected prior to going on the road. Vilas County Department on Aging has \$15,000 for one bus. Transit manager is looking at advertising options on buses. Possible screen readers in the buses with scrolling advertising. Fare income can be used for the \$15,000 purchase. BART has built up a savings account by replacing buses and having fewer repair bills. Retired buses go back to Headwaters. If the sale is under \$5,000, the money stays with the company that owns the buses. Any sale over \$5,000 has a 20/80 split with the WisDOT.

TRANIST MANAGER REPORT: A) Ridership: forecast for grant 36,000 one-way rides. Clarification on how rides are counted. Headwaters are 60 one-way rides per day with three

buses. GPS tracks all rides, but doesn't show the number of riders that get on the bus at each stop. The driver's logs show every pickup type and purpose. Transit Manager planning on adding books on buses. Senior events are part of our mandate. No weddings. Bart fares are \$.75 for disabled passengers and \$1.50 for general passengers.

B) Headwaters Service – Transit Manager and Board Chair met last week to discuss contract rate. Next month Transit Manager to have a solid recommendation regarding contract.

C) Holiday Reduced Services Schedule: planning on having service work done on the buses.

D) Agency Rates: Working on rate structure to keep rates affordable. Transit Manager talking with MCOs shortly.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS: Hayes asked if there was anything the transit commission could do for the drivers that volunteered to defer their pay. Payroll was on time. The board can express their appreciation, but nothing more.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATION:

Next Meeting Monday, November 13, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at 1831 N. Stevens Street, Rhinelander. Next Executive Committee meeting Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at 1831 N. Stevens Street, Rhinelander

Meeting adjourned.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Barb Newman, Office Manager
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