

ONEIDA-VILAS TRANSIT COMMISSION (OVTC) MINUTES

August 14, 2020,

ATTENDANCE: Steven Schreier, Chuck Hayes, Fred Radtke, Billie Fried and Marv Anderson. Present: Roger Youngren, Transit Manager; Joel Gottsaker, Interim Director ADRC Oneida County; Dave Hintz, Oneida County Board Chair, Dawn Winquist, Bill Freudenberg, Kayla Houp of The Lakeland Times and by phone Attorney Steven Sorenson.

CALL TO ORDER: Schreier called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. the Health & ADRC Building at 100 W. Keenan St., 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: Motion by Hayes to approve the agenda in any order as per the chair with a second by Radtke. All ayes. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Motion by Hayes to approve Minutes of July 24, 2020. Second by Radtke. All ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Bob Mott distributed a copy of his resignation letter. Mr. Mott suggested that Mr. Hintz should replace him on the board. There are 43 Tier C transit agencies plus multiple shared ride taxi programs. OVTC is in their infancy and people should consider the good that it does. Mott wishes OVTC well. Hayes said this was a point of order and not open for discussion. The new commission members Marv Anderson, Billy Fried and Dawn Winquist were introduced.

DAWN WINQUIST ONEIDA COUNTY CITIZEN MEMBER COMMISSION APPLICATION: The OVTC application was in the commission packet. Winquist is on the Oneida County Aging and Resource committee. Notice for the citizen member vacancy was posted on the OVTC website and two weeks in the newspapers. Motion by Radtke to approve Winquist as a citizen member to the Oneida Vilas Transit Commission. Second by Hayes. All ayes. Motion carried. Hintz stated that Winquist's appointment is on the County Board agenda for August 18, 2020.

REPAYMENT OF COUNTY LOANS: Youngren and Schreier met with Darcy Smith, Oneida County Finance Director; Jason Hilger, Vilas County Finance Director; Sue Richmond Director of the Vilas County ADRC and Gottsaker. COVID-19 has presented a unique situation where WisDOT is paying 100% of OVTC's reimbursable expenses from January 20, 2020 to December 31, 2020. Youngren proposed a 10-year repayment plan of \$5,000 per year and some years possibly more. The repayment can only come from local share money and in 2020 the is approximately \$26,000. Youngren said both county finance directors felt comfortable with the plan. Radtke asked how much money each country contributes to the ADRC 85.21 grant. Gottsaker replied Oneida County contributes \$26,000 and Vilas County contributes \$17,000 in tax levy money. Radtke asked if OVTC has asked the counties to forgive the loan. Radtke made a motion to table county loan repayment. Second by Fried. Fried withdrew the second to have further discussion. Second by Anderson. 2 ayes, 3 nays. Motion defeated. Motion by Anderson to approve Youngren's plan to reimburse the counties starting at the end of this year or the beginning of next year. Second by Hayes. Ally ayes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM WIPFLI: Auditor Brian Anderson sent an email stating that he is withdrawing as OVTC's auditor.

RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF EAGLE EYE ROUTES SEPTEMBER 2, 2020: All intercity routes were suspended in late March. Eagle Eye route was introduced in January 2020 based on the recommendation from the Vilas County ADRC. Boulder Junction and Manitowish Waters each gave \$2,500. Discussion of various advertising opportunities. Youngren will start Eagle Eye route September 2, 2020.

CLOSED SESSION: Hayes made a motion to enter in to closed session pursuant to section 19.85 (1)(c) Wis Stats., to: consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of a public employee over which this body has jurisdiction or responsibility (Topic – Transit Manager). Roll call vote Anderson/aye, Fried/aye, Hayes/aye, Radtke/aye, and Schreier/aye. Motion carried. Commission went into closed session at 10:01 a.m.

Staff/others present in closed session: Youngren, Hintz and Attorney Steven Sorenson.

Returned to open session at 11:46 a.m.

No formal action taken in closed session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Friday, August 28, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

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