

## ONEIDA-VILAS TRANSIT COMMISSION (OVTC) MINUTES

November 18, 2021

**ATTENDANCE:** Marvin Anderson, Billy Fried (via zoom), Steven Schreier, Charles Hayes, Fred Radtke, and Dawn Winquist, Barbara Newman Interim Transit Manager; Sue Richmond, Director ADRC of Vilas County; Joel Gottsacker, Manager ADRC of Oneida County (via zoom), Mary Rideout Oneida County Department of Social Service/ADRC Director. Others present Kelly Holm the Lakeland Times.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. at Vilas County Court House, 330 Court Street, Conference Room B, Eagle River noting this meeting was properly posted in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law and meets the American with Disabilities Act.

**ESTABLISH A QUORUM:** 6 of 6 members present establishing a quorum (one via zoom).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion made by Winquist 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 Radtke to approve the minutes of October 28, 2021. Second by Schreier. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chair wanted to clarify that a board member may vote if attending electronically.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET:** Questions were raised about the difference between the amount budgeted for ADRC Volunteer escort program in gray and the amount recorded on line 508.16. A motion was made to approve the budget as is so that the application could be forward to Wisconsin Department of Transportation by Schreier. Second by Hayes, Motion failed on tie vote three ayes and three nays. Another motion was made by Fried to move the \$7000 to donations. second by Radtke. Chair tabled motion to later part of the meeting. When discussion came back around Fried rescinded his motion. Radtke rescinded 2nd. Fried made a motion that line 450.08 be changed to \$6170.00 and line 508.16 be changed to \$22,000.00. The motion was passed on 5 ayes to 1 nays vote. Chair asked Newman to make those changes and redo the printout to reflect the vote.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON WHITETAIL AND BEAR PAW ROUTES:** Adjustments could be made to both routes. Bear Paw would run 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. and Whitetail could run from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. based on ridership. Motion by Schreier and seconded by Winquist to approve changes contingent on the results of a public hearing. Approved 6 ayes and 0 nays.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 1106 ADAMS WAY PROPERTY AND POSSIBLE BOARD VISIT:** There isn't any new information from the owner of the Adams Way Property to share Anderson will follow up with him. There aren't any commercial appraisers who can look at the building until January 2022. Anderson stated that he would like the whole commission to go to the building to look it over, suggested in December. When asked about a price Anderson stated that when he and Youngren did a

walk through with the owner that he gave them a off the cuff number of \$225,000.00 as is. There was a discussion on some revenue that is generated there. There is a matter of an easement that needs to be established. There is an offer on the Highway 47 building where the office/shop is currently. It isn't clear if the buyer is interested in continuing in renting to Oneida-Vilas Commission.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ACTUAL VS. BUDGET THROUGH SEPTEMBER: Under budget for wages and gas which are the biggest expenses.

DISCUSSION ON CHARTER REVISIONS: Vilas County has approved changes. There was no discussion at Oneida meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON OUTSOURCING OPERATION OF OVTC: Schreier talked with Runnings Taxi (Rhineland Transit) about some geographic areas that aren't being served. So far hasn't gone very far.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON OPTIONS TO HANDLE INTERIM OFFICE MANAGER POSITION: By moving a dispatcher into this position, it was proposed that Wage would be increase by 9.5 % and to offer insurance as the added responsibilities would move hours worked to 40 hours. Motion was made by Hayes and second by Winquist to offer those benefits as presented by Newman. Passed on 4 ayes to 2 nays.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DISPATCHER SALARY: Proposed to raising dispatcher wages by 7.0 % an hour. Motion by Schreier to approve raise. Seconded by Winquist. Passed by 6 ayes to 0 nays vote.

RIDERSHIP REPORT: Ridership has flattened out to 1700 riders a month.

VOUCHERS FOR PAID EXPENSES: Anderson ask everyone to take the time to really look over vouchers.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS: Hold commission meeting in Rhineland so the commission could walk through the Adams Way Building. Suggested Dates are December 15, 2021, or December 16, 2021. Anderson will call building owner to see if either of those dates work for him. A decision on the Transit Manager position be made.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS: None.

NEXT MEETING:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by: Brian Moore, Interim Office Manager