

**ADRC PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
November 18, 2020**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Steven Schreier, Russ Fisher, Robert Thome Jr., Joan Hauer, Dawn Winquist, Nancy Watry, Ted Cushing, Dr. Walt Gager, Carol Pederson

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Joel Gottsacker, Mary Rideout, Heather Beach

OTHERS PRESENT: None

Call to order: Chairperson Steven Schreier called the public hearing to order at 9:00 a.m. on the second floor of the Oneida County Board Room-Oneida County Courthouse, 1 S. Oneida Ave, 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. The public hearing notice was published in the The Northwoods River News on November 6, 2020.

Presentation: Gottsacker gave an overview of \$85.21 Elderly/Disabled Transportation Plan for 2021. The plan recommends the ADRC sub-grant the majority of grant funds to the Oneida Vilas Transit Commission (OVTC) and keeping some funds for the volunteer escort program operated by the ADRC.

OVTC will be returning unspent funds to the ADRC for placement into trust. The ADRCs of Vilas and Oneida counties both recommend that OVTC request trust funds in 2021 for the purchase of smaller, wheelchair lift vans in order to provide transportation to residents living outside the regular service areas of OVTC. Winquist asked how many vehicles OVTC currently has? Schreier responded about 12-13 buses.

Gottsacker stated that OVTC will need to put this additional service into their plan for 2021 and need to present it to their committee on Friday, November 20, 2020.

Schreier & Winquist noted these vehicles would have capabilities beyond transit's current capabilities. Schreier opened the hearing for public comment.

Public comment/communications: None. Schreier closed public comment.

Close Public Hearing: Schreier closed public hearing at 9:11 am.

Committee Chairman

Committee Secretary