

PRICE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 15, 2021

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: Courthouse County Boardroom 101; 126 Cherry St; Phillips, WI 54555

Meeting called to Order and Roll Call: Meeting called to order by Dennis Wartgow, Chair at 10:30 a.m. Present: Nancy Kalander (remotely), Sara Reese-Socha, Dennis Wartgow. Ex officio present: Janine Dobson, Nick Trimner. Absent: Carissa Smith, Annie Knudson. Also present remotely: Pat Daoust and Shari Nutt from BART.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Communications and Correspondence: None.
2. Public Comment: None.
3. Meeting Minutes from February 17, 2020: Motion Kalander/Reese-Socha to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
4. Committee Membership – Terms expiring April 20, 2021:
 - a. Elderly and disabled citizen advocate: Will advertise for a new member.
 - b. Private transportation provider: Kathryn Stough
 - c. Health & Human Services staff member: Sarah Reese-Socha
5. By-Laws Amendment: Will add language to allow extension of term by one year if a replacement member cannot be found.
6. Park Falls Transit: Ridership has been going well. Working on plans for a garage in Park Falls. Bus has 127,000 miles. Looking at replacement in one to two years.
7. Phillips Transit: Ridership has fallen but is starting to rebound.
8. Prentice/Ashland Transit: Going well.
9. Minocqua Transit: Dialysis patients are main riders. Citizen ridership has been slow. Expect to log 100,000 miles in a year. Will budget for new engine and transmission instead of replacement in three years.
10. Fares and Hours of Operation: Currently not charging fares due to reimbursements from Cares-Act funding. Will resume charging when funding is done. Not noticing any need for change of fares or schedules. May adjust Phillips hours once the garage in Park Falls is operational.
11. Program Re-evaluation: COVID vaccinations being offered to drivers. Following safety protocol and limiting number of riders on each bus. Will need to contact the Marshfield Clinic to see if they will continue the same partnership as there was with Flambeau Hospital. Ridership has proven the program is working well and continuation is sustainable. Continue to use volunteers for some services.
12. Marketing: BART will do some promotions. Will add information to the new Senior Service Directory. Pat is on a committee that is developing a state-wide survey for transportation needs.
13. Budget & Funding: \$246,739 expenses in 2020.
14. Trust Fund Status: Spent down to \$1,400. \$80,000 for new garage in Phillips and \$15,000 toward Minocqua bus.
15. Next meeting date: May 17th.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Submitted by: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk