

**Price County Council on Aging  
Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

Date: September 21, 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

Roll Call: Present: Mary Anderson, June Ellefsen, Dianne Gierman, Paula Houdek, David Schmidt.

Excused: Merilee Lealos. Also present: Kris Mabie

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Elect Chairperson: Houdek nominated David Schmidt for Chairperson. No other nominations. Motion Houdek/Anderson to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for David Schmidt for Committee Chairperson. David took over the running of the meeting.
2. Elect Vice-Chairperson: Houdek nominated Mary Anderson. Anderson declined. Anderson nominated Dianne Gierman. No other nominations. Motion Houdek/Anderson to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Dianne Gierman for Committee Vice-Chairperson. Motion carried.
3. Public Comment and Communications: None.
4. Minutes from October 18, 2021 meeting: Motion Gierman/Ellefson to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
5. Senior Services Update: Kris Mabie, Senior Services Supervisor. Reviewed Aging Three-year Plan with the State. Two goals are to expand the home delivery of senior meals and add a third caregiver support group in the Ogema area. New Program Coordinator/Community Outreach position is being recruited. This person will oversee the StrongBodies program, develop and facilitate outreach programs for the Health & Human Services Department units. Discussion on developing more senior meal sites. Funding and staffing are issues. Reviewed purpose of the Council. Three month Elder Benefit Specialist 75 contacts. Doing outreach and monthly newsletter.
6. Transportation Update: Five volunteer drivers. Three month 7,294 miles and 295 hours. BART customer appreciation in October. Putting up garage in Park Falls for storage and mechanics. Discussion on possibility of expanding to Prentice and Ogema area.
7. Nutrition Program Update: Approached the Price County Review to publish the menu. The cost is prohibitive, and they wouldn't do it for free. Shelf-stable meals will be offered. Need site substitutes and volunteer drivers for deliveries. Meal surveys being conducted. Program assessment being done in December. Czech Fest Committee donated coffee makers, carafes and pitchers. 5,679 meals serviced in three months. Vendor currently charging \$4.70. Considering eliminating carryout meals by the end of the year, which were allowed during COVID protocol. Also reaching out to review qualifications for home delivery recipients. Flu vaccine clinics are being scheduled.
8. Next meeting – December 12, 2022
9. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk