

PRICE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 16, 2022

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: City of Park Falls Council Chambers; 400 4th Ave S; Park Falls, WI 54552

Meeting called to Order and Roll Call: Meeting called to order by Jean Gottwald, County Clerk at 1:00 p.m. Present: Kris Mabie, Nick Trimner, Pam Snyder, Patricia Stephan. Absent: Emily Brunstad, Carissa Smith. Excused: Sarah Reese-Socha. Also present: Pat Daoust and Shari Nutt from BART.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Elect Chairperson: Mabie nominated Patty Stephan for Chairperson. No other nominations. Motion Mabie/Snyder to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Patty Stephan for committee chairperson. Motion carried. Patty took over running of the meeting.
2. Elect Vice-chairperson: Mabie nominated Pam Snyder for Vice-chairperson. No other nominations. Motion Mabie/Stephan to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Pam Snyder as committee vice-chairperson. Motion carried.
3. Public Comment and Communications: None.
4. Meeting Minutes from February 21, 2022: Motion Snyder/Mabie to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
5. Route Reports
 - a. Park Falls Transit: Ridership has returned to pre-covid numbers.
 - b. Phillips Transit: Still short of pre-covid numbers.
 - c. Minocqua Transit: Working well for dialysis patients. Not getting a lot of response from non-medical riders that was expected from the survey before the route was started. May need an additional run to accommodate dialysis appointments.
6. Program Reports
 - a. Fares and Hours of Operation: Continue as scheduled.
 - b. Marketing: Ran an ad in the paper with a coupon for free ride or \$2.00 off the Minocqua run. Looking at transportation for youth programming for the summer.
 - c. Budget & Funding: Fuel costs are very problematic. Requesting grant increase from the State. Received grant funding for an electric bus and charging station in Park Falls. Cost of the bus is \$230,000. Requires a 15% match. Charging station will be \$30,000, which requires 10% match. A gas bus would be approximately \$140,000, with a 20% match. Motion Snyder/Stephan to forward request to the County to determine funding source (\$30,000 - \$37,500) for a new bus, with emphasis on the electric option. Motion carried. Staffing is full. Looking for a pay increase for drivers. The next budget will include various cost increases. Park Falls garage project architectural work is done. Property transfer is taking place. Funding is by BART.
 - d. Trust Fund Status: No longer have money in the fund.
7. Next meeting date: August 15th.
8. Meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Submitted by: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk