

ONEIDA VILAS TRANSIT COMMISSION

March 27, 2025

MINUTES

Attendance: Present Marvin Anderson, Richard Logan, Holly Tomlanovich, Lenore Lopez, Michael Tautges, Fred Radtke, Excused Billy Fried and Dawn Winquest. Others in attendance Transit Manager Barb Newman, Vilas County ADRC Director Sue Richmond, Pastor Bill Wendorf Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church and St. Germain Community Church, Grant Bornbach Advance Medical Transport (Via Zoom) and Brian Jopek Lakeland times (Via Zoom).

Called to order by Chairman Anderson 9:00 A.M. at Vilas County Courthouse, Conference Room B at 330 Court St., Eagle River, WI. Noting that this meeting was properly posted in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law and meets the American with Disability Act.

ESTABLISHED A QUORUM: 6 Of 8 Members present.

Pledge was recited.

Motion by Radtke to approve the agenda in any order. Second by Tomlanovich. All Ayes.

Motion by Tomlanovich to accept the minutes. Second by Logan. All Ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Bornbach committed that it would be important if the minutes were posted online. That issue will be looked into.

Discussion and Possible action on: On Request for services Outside of Oneida and Vilas Counties. Pastor Wendorf addressed the board with concerns he had for his parishioners. Some of the members of his congregations need to travel three hours to medical appointments, many of whom are elderly and are getting rides from others who are elderly themselves. Richmond mentioned that Vilas County ADRC has a Volunteer Driver Program geared toward these insistences. The ADRC does refer people to private providers. Richmond offered for her staff to meet with members of Pastor Wendorf parishioners. Anderson asked Newman to outline OVTC parameters, Newman explained that this agency is the Oneida Vilas Transit Commission, meaning we operate in those two counties. Offering on-demand service in Rhinelander, Eagle River and the Lakeland area. In addition, OVTC offers routes between those communities. OVTC is limited to where it can go. Newman sees the need, Vilas County ADRC, and private providers are a great resource. Anderson had Bornbach address the commission from a provider point of view. Bornbach mentioned that the ADRC's around the state do have access to funds that private providers could use to provide rides to appointments.

Discussion and Possible action on: Accident Insurance Claim. We have preliminary information. One claim made so far for the car in the snowbank. The tow bill of \$1800.00 has been sent to OVTC, it will be turned into the insurance company. There is no new information in regard to the driver or the bus.

Discussion and Possible action on: Staffing Overview. Both Lakeland drivers are out on medical leave. One may return and one may not. A driver has been hired to drive on Fridays in Eagle River and the Eagle Eye Route. Newman has an interview set up in Minocqua for a prospective driver. There has been a driver hired for Rhinelander, but he has been driving in Minocqua. Discussion turned to wages. Newman was asked to come back with a sample budget if wages were increased.

Discussion and Possible action on: Architectural and Engineering Grant. Initially things looked good from the WisDOT. But when Newman started on the RFP the WisDOT came back saying it wasn't what the WisDOT was looking for. After discussing the matter Logan and Newman determined what WisDOT was looking for was a spreadsheet with specific data. Newman believes she can have the Independent Cost Estimate by the end of the week.

Discussion and Possible action on: Budget Overview Through February. February numbers are closer to where we need to be. OVTC is up to date on Headwaters Share. Fare income is at the expected amount. The Nordic Ski Team is over for the season. The fourth quarter reimbursement was received from WisDOT. Under expenditures \$9,116.31 line 502 made a recent payment to work comp insurance company. 503 Professional fees, reflects drug test including consortium fee. Line 504 Approx. \$5,000.00 for gas. This figure also includes the cost of fender wells for Ford Transits. Line 506 Casualty & Liability, \$690.80 that is insurance for office equipment, errors and omissions, and driver theft.

Discussion and Possible action on: Paid Vouchers. KerberRose \$2,500.00 to start OVTC audit, \$1,851.00 Kumbier Towing will be turned into the insurance company, Kwik Trip \$5,518.19 gas, \$280.00 Multimedia for help wanted ads, \$1000.00 to the Town of Hazelhurst for bus storage and \$1794.45 for Security Health Plan health insurance. Motion by Tomlanovich to approve OVTC voucher dated 3/11/2025. Second by Logan. All Ayes. Voucher labeled 3/26/2025 listing Autozone, The Lakeland Times and Highway 47 Rentals was read. Tomlanovich motion to approve. Logan Second. All Ayes.

Future Agenda items: Driver salaries and benefits. Possible transportation in OVTC extended area.

Letters: None.

Next Meeting: April 22, 2025

Adjourn: 10:37 A.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Brian Moore

Office Manager of Northwood Transit.