

ONEIDA VILAS TRANSIT COMMISSION

April 27, 2026

MINUTES

Attendance: Present Marvin Anderson, Billy Fried, Dawn Winqvist, Lenore Lopez, Richard Logan, Holly Tomlanovich, Andrea Sheppard. Fred Raadtke excused absence. Others present OVTC Transit Manager Barb Newman.

Called to order by Chairman Anderson 9:05 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: 7 Of 8 Members present.

Pledge was recited.

Election of Chair: Newman open nominations. Fried nominated Anderson. No other nominations. Newman closed nominations. All ayes. Nomination approved.

Election of Vice-chair: Anderson opened nominations. Anderson nominated Fried. Fried nominated Lopez. Lopez declined nomination. No other nominations. Anderson closed nominations. All ayes. Nomination approved.

Election of Secretary/Treasurer: Fried nominated Winqvist. No other nominations. Anderson closed nominations. All ayes. Nomination approved.

Motion by Winqvist to approve the agenda in any order. Second by Fried. All ayes.

Motion by Tomlanovich to accept the minutes from February 27, 2026. Second by Lopez. All ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Response and Processing of an open records request by Grant Bornbach: Newman is working with the Oneida County Clerk. Newman gave OVTC's information to Oneida County and they will send the information to Mr. Bornbach.

Quarterly Bus Report: Newman present mechanic's report. Two buses are out of service. N17: nut cut into the axel housing with caused the differential to go bad. Now waiting for grant to repair. N15 body mounts rusted and broke. Waiting for welding of new mounts to be completed. Newman received a Customer Satisfaction Program letter from Ford. The three new transit vans may develop damage to the transfer case and parts are available if the vans require repair.

Quarterly Ridership report: Ridership up 1% from same time last year. Ridership steady for the first three months with no big ups and downs.

Budget Overview through March: WisDOT didn't allow the local share of the Nordic Ski team and any townships without a contract or meeting minutes. Newman will move any income received in those two categories to fare revenue. Expenses were explained with emphasis on the price of gasoline.

Update on revisions to 2026 WisDOT Operating Grant: The operating grant was returned and asked to review expenses. Newman reviewed and lowered some expenses and sent a letter of mitigating for other expenses. WisDOT approved the revised document.

Update on the surveying services on Oneida County Parcel PE-69: Riverside Surveying contacted Newman. They are working on the survey map and will have the process completed by the May 22, 2026, deadline.

Service adjustment or suspension of Silver Maple route during road construction: Newman explained that it would be difficult to run the route during road construction. This is a twice a month route not well used. The route may be suspended for eight times. Motion by Anderson and second by Lopez to suspend the Silver Maple route during road construction.

Paid Vouchers: Newman explained the 3/10/26 voucher. Logan made a motion to approve the vouchers with a second from Winquest. Considerable discussion on whether to approve the vouchers or accept them into the minutes. Freid had a conversation with the Oneida County Corporation Council. Corporation Council compared it to a department head requesting payment of expenses. The commission has oversight through two signatures on the checks, signature on the voucher form and the paid month voucher reports. Logan and Winquist withdrew their motion. Newman explained the 3/24/26 and 4/14/26 paid voucher form.

Discussion and Possible Action on: Future agenda items. Update on the meeting with the City of Rhinelander and the open records request from Mr. Bornbach.

Letters or Communication. None

Next Meeting. Monday, May 18, 2026 at 10:30 am.

Adjourn 10:26 am.

Respectfully submitted.

Barb Newman

Transit Manager