

Polk County Transportation Corporation Minutes

The Polk County Transportation Corporation met on Tuesday, 18 November, 2008 at the Polk County Government Center, Health Department Conference Rooms A&B, First Floor at 1:30 PM.

Members in attendance:

Kathy Clark
Neil Johnson

Absent:

Rick Gates
Adult Development Center Representative

Leslie Larsen
Darlene Jensen
Kari Flom
Mike Seversen
Stuart Swenson

Visitors: None

Finance Committee met. Larsen examined and signed vouchers.

Meeting was called to order by Clark at 1:35. Motion made and seconded to approve agenda (Johnson/Jensen). Motion carried. Minutes of 16 September 2008 motioned and seconded (Johnson/Jensen) for approval as read. Motion carried.

Financial Report and Bills:

Flom handed out September financial reports and bills for review. Price of gasoline and diesel has varied considerably this year. Flom will check with Whitehead to verify the fuel cost year to date. No additional discussion on financials.

Motion to approve Financial Report and pay vouchers made and seconded (Johnson/Larsen). Motion carried.

Old Business:

Board member: Elderly representative: Stuart Swenson was introduced to the group as the newest board member. Swenson was approved at the 12 November 2008 County Board meeting. Welcome Stuart.

Polk County Locally Developed Transportation Coordination Plan report: copies of the report were given to board members. The report highlights the topics discussed at the July meeting of Polk and Burnett counties and the actions that are before the regional transportation committee.

United Way Campaign: A component of being a designee of United Way funds is to hold a United Way campaign in the month of October. Flom distributed a letter that was shared with the employees of Polk County Transportation for the Disabled & Elderly, Inc. We had a successful campaign and two individuals elected to have payroll deductions for United Way.

New Business:

Fuel costs for 2008 & projection for 2009: Fuel costs for the time frame of 10 August 2008 through 20 September 2008 was a range of \$3.69 to \$3.84 for diesel and \$3.39 to \$3.49 for gasoline. For the time frame of 21 September 2008 through 18 October 2008 was \$3.40 to \$3.79 for diesel and \$2.29 to \$3.40 for gasoline.

Finance committee recommendations for 2009: The finance committee met to discuss the recommendations for 2009. The recommendations are: driver wages \$10.20/hour and a \$25 bonus (gift card) for the Holiday season. The Adult Development Center runs and Nutrition runs \$1.00/mile. Private pay rates stay the same as 2008 (base rate \$20, includes first five miles and \$1.35/mile with a waiting time charge of \$6.00/hour) and recreations rates the same as 2008 at \$2.00/mile. Pager rates to stay the same at \$65/month. Motion made and seconded to accept the finance committee recommendations (Flom/Jensen). Motion carried.

Finance committee will reevaluate mid year 2009.

Acquired Van from Curative: Curative outside of Milwaukee had 14 vans up for sale. Flom put in a letter of interest to the State and Polk County Transportation for the Disabled & Elderly, Inc was granted a 2007 mini bus for \$7260. The van has been received and is on the road providing transportation services.

85.21 Aging Program grant application: Aging Programs is getting ready to send in the 2009 85.21 grant to the State of Wisconsin. A percentage of the grant will be given to Polk County Transportation for the Disabled & Elderly, Inc to provide specialized transportation. An offset will be given to the Adult Development Center transportation bills from Polk County Transportation for the Disabled & Elderly, Inc. Discussion was held on the grant.

Fall Van Inspections: Normally the vans are inspected in February or March for the annual recertification for Medical Assistance billing. This year the schedule was changed to accommodate the recertification timeline. All vans have been inspected for the 2009 recertification for Medical Assistance.

Driver Retirement: Bob Glunz has retired from driving due to a health condition. We thank Bob for his years of service and dedication to Polk County Transportation for the Disabled & Elderly, Inc. He will be greatly missed.

Information:

The Supplemental Transportation Rural Assistance Program grant was sent to the State. The State has offered the opportunity for the grant to be revised for Polk County and the St Croix Tribe. The offer was denied by Flom due to the regional transportation group starting to meet again to work on an application for grant year 2010.

Leslie Larsen announced her retirement for January 2009. Les has offered to remain on the board as a community member.

Next Meeting:

1:15 PM for Finance Committee (vouchers) and 1:30 for full Board on Tuesday, January 20, 2008. Meeting to be held in Polk County Government Center, Health Department Conference Rooms A&B, First Floor.

Adjourn:

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 2:33 PM (Seversen/Jensen). Motion carried.