

**VILAS COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 29, 2010**

Chairman Nielsen called to order the Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting on January 29, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. at the Vilas County Courthouse, Conference Room #2, in Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Present: The following persons were present: Shirley Haws, June Wedell, Kris Main, Robert Myers, Julie Deaton and Deb Weiss-Headwaters, Inc., Don Anderson-S.E.R.V.E. Inc. and Tom Pekarske-Northwoods Seniors, Inc. Staff present were Director Joe Fortmann and Susan Richmond, Transportation Coordinator.

Approve Agenda: Haws moved and Myers seconded the motion to approve the Agenda as mailed, which order may be changed at the discretion of the Chair. Carried.

Agenda Item #4 Discussion of Regional Transportation:

- Fortmann stated that LSC and CTAA firms have been working on this for over a year.
- Considering pilot routes throughout the 3 counties.
- Vilas would be involved in 3 routes. (See Map attached)
- Fortmann stated we are looking into forming a 66.03 Statute organization (Transit Commission) This would be a Commission not tax authority.
- Hard part will be bringing the general public together with the Seniors and Disabled and the funding.
- Wise stated he is very skeptical because it is a government program.
- Dave Lowe from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation will be involved and when more finalized, will go to the County Boards to explain.
- Deaton stated we need to get public transportation in the northwoods and we have an opportunity to get it going now.
- Pekarske stated that he has had luck with picking people up at a central location.
- Fortmann asked everyone to give some thought to if we were the correct department to handle this or should it be the highway department?
- Discussion was held to explain the New Freedom Vouchers
 - +Vilas and Oneida counties partnered with Headwaters to provide vouchers for seniors and disabled to get rides from Discab.
 - +The cost is \$3.00/ride and \$32,000.00 was spent on providing these rides.
 - +Headwaters was awarded the grant again in 2010.
 - +Headwaters will work with Fly Away Cab service in Eagle River also.
- Consensus of group was to move forward and keep them informed.
- Deaton stated that we will need to pull down more funds in order to expand our services.

Agenda Item #5 Discussion of forms for Clubs.

- Richmond distributed a webpage from the Department of Transportation for information purposes only, explaining that law enforcement will be asking drivers (if traffic stop or accident) to show proof of insurance or you can get fined. This will be sent to all of our volunteers also.
- Richmond distributed a form that the Clubs can use throughout the year that may assist them in fulfilling their Semi-Annual and Annual Reports.

Agenda Item #6 Discussion of 85.21 Specialized Transportation Annual Report:

- 2009 Annual Financial Report draft was distributed. Lac du Flambeau did not get their paperwork in on time, therefore are missing from this report. Richmond stated she used their figures from 2008.
- Richmond urged the Clubs to use all of their 85.21 allocations by the end of each year. Fortmann suggested that Clubs start looking at this in September and if they need help spending down their money, they should contact Richmond.
- Richmond reminded the Clubs that if they need major maintenance on their vehicles that they can ask for these funds out of our trust account.

There was a motion by Myers with a second by Main to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes reflect the recorders notations and are subject to approval by the appropriate board or committee.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Susan Richmond
Administrative Secretary/
Transportation Coordinator

Joe Fortmann
Director