

**TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 22, 2021**

**Call Meeting to Order**

Chairperson Mike Bub called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM.

**Members Present:** *(virtually)* Mike Bub, *(in person)* Diane Albrecht

**Members Absent:** Lisa Carbaugh

**Also Present:** *(in person)* Amber Fallos, Black River Industries; Shellie Shaw, Taylor County Veterans Service, Nathanael Brown and *(virtually)* Michelle Brehm, Taylor County Commission on Aging.

**Approve Minutes of the December 15, 2020 Meeting**

**MOTION** by Albrecht to approve the December 15, 2020 meeting minutes as presented, second by Bub. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approve Agenda**

**MOTION** by Albrecht to approve the agenda with 9 items for the November 22, 2021 meeting, second by Bub. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Public Input** None

**Reports**

Taylor County Commission on Aging

Director Brown gave a summary of s.85.21 Commission on Aging transportation services provided through 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, 2021. Bus and volunteer driver ridership numbers for 2021 are down slightly compared to last year and at approximately half the level they were in 2019. The decrease may be attributed to people consolidating trips and going out less due to continuing concerns about Covid. Friday out of town trips resumed in July.

Black River Industries (BRI)

Director Amber Fallos stated that services at BRI are going well. Although bus ridership is down riders are appreciative to have this essential service in the community. The bus fleet is in good shape and a grant application has been submitted to purchase two additional buses. Starting wage rates have increased to \$15.00 per hour which has helped with hiring and retaining staff. Fallos stated she is proud of her staff and their ongoing mission to help those they serve.

Veterans Service

Veterans Services Officer Shellie Shaw reported the DAV van is transporting local veterans to VA approved medical appointments on average three trips per week. There are currently four volunteer drivers available.

**Public Hearing for s.85.21 Specialized Transportation Grant Application for 2022**

The Taylor County Transportation Coordination Committee public hearing began at 1:14 pm.

Agendas announcing the Transportation Hearing were posted at the Taylor County Commission on Aging Office, Taylor County Human Services, and Taylor County Courthouse. Notification of the Hearing was also published in the Medford Star News.

Six people were in attendance including:

- Mike Bub, Taylor County Board of Supervisors and Taylor County Transportation Coordination Committee Chair (*virtually*)
- Diane Albrecht, Taylor County Board of Supervisors and Taylor County Transportation Coordination Committee
- Amber Fallos, representative of Black River Industries
- Shellie Shaw, representative of Taylor County Veterans Service
- Nathanael Brown, Taylor County Commission on Aging Director
- Michelle Brehm, Taylor County Commission on Aging (*virtually*)

No one from the public was in attendance.

Director Nathanael Brown reviewed the s.85.21 specialized transportation grant application for 2022. The grant application request is for \$75,689 in transportation funds from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. A match of \$14,928 in local funds is budgeted and used as the local share required match. The total transportation budget amount is \$143,817.

Hearing ended at 1:31 pm

#### **Review / Approve 85.21 Grant Application for 2022**

**MOTION** by Albrecht to approve the 2021 s.85.21 Specialized Transportation Grant Application in the amount of \$79,889 as presented at the public hearing, second by Bub. **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **Set Next Meeting Date**

COA Director Brown stated he has resigned to take a position in Dane County. His last day at Commission on Aging is December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The next meeting of the Taylor County Transportation Coordination Committee will be determined at a later date after the director position is filled.

#### **Adjourn Meeting**

**MOTION** by Albrecht to adjourn meeting, second by Bub. **MOTION CARRIED.** Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.