

The Valley County Transit Board met on Thursday, May 14, 2015 in the Valley County Transit office.

Present: Colleen Forrester, Connie Wethern, Melanie Sorensen, and Bruce Peterson

Chairperson Colleen Forrester opened the meeting at 3:05 PM.

Minutes: Motion to accept February minutes made by Connie, second by Melanie . Motion passed.

Correspondence: Letter notifying Don Malfreda will replace Jolene Cotton on the board.

Coordinator's report: Colleen Pankratz is not able to be with us but Colleen Forrester gave an update. There is software training in June. The actual balance from the Operating summary is \$357,786.16 rather than the \$325,727.24 figure due to the request in contingency funds.

Unfinished Business: Regarding the wheelchair policy, Colleen Pantkratz could find no examples of policy from other agencies. She has not checked with Montana Association of Counties (MaCo) yet but it is anticipated that she will be able to do so by the August meeting and report back.

Regarding the Frazer transportation issue, the superintendent from the school has resigned and might not be in service now. No responses have been received from Colleen's phone calls for additional information. Therefore no action can be taken at this time.

New Business: Regarding new policy review, Jolene Cotton will be seeking help from Rick Seiler in her review and proposed update to emergency policies.

Regarding board member term ending, Colleen Forrester's term is ending and it is recommended to Bruce Peterson that the commission consider Colleen for another term should they see fit after considering any other persons who are interested in joining the Transit Board.

Other Business: Melanie mentioned that the City of Glasgow has a downtown revitalization grant that is in the planning stage. One of the issues considered is downtown parking and bus parking. Melanie said she would contact Colleen Pankratz and see if the planner and Colleen and Melanie can make a conference call for suggestions on parking and bus stops downtown.

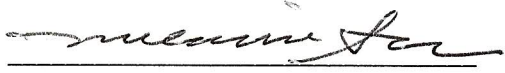
Bruce Peterson said he would contact Colleen Pankratz and talk to her about MaCo's advice on out of state trips. Evidently Sanders County/Thompson Falls has learned that MaCo's carrier will no longer cover transit out of state trip they have been making to Spokane. For one bus, the carrier they had to independently use charged \$10,000.00 for one bus.

Bruce said budgets are tight this year. Bruce noted that some revenue has come in that helps ease the budget a bit. He notes that fares are down this year. He noted that gas prices are down this last year which is of benefit to VC Transit.

No public comment

Adjourn

Next meeting: August 13, 2015

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Melanie Sorensen, Secretary

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Colleen Forrester, Chairperson