

Transit Meeting
August 18, 2014

Present; Mr. Rick Blake – Chairman, Mr. Steve Willis, Mr. Gordon Geiger, Ms. Susan Kunkel and Rich Grenfell – Transit Administrator.

Absent; Tony Kusserow

Guest; Nick Meyer –MP

No Public Comment

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 21 meeting was made by Mr. Willis and seconded by Mr. Geiger. C.U.

The Commission reviewed the 2014 second quarter stats; Ridership increased 1%, revenue decreased 9% (primarily due to existing passengers transferring into the Family Care Program). To transit's success, overall mileage and miles per passenger decreased 25%. A motion to place the report on file was made by Ms. Kunkel and seconded by Mr. Geiger. C.U.

The Transit Commission reviewed the preliminary 2014 City Transit Budget. A motion to approve the budget was made by Mr. Geiger and seconded by Mr. Willis. C.U.

The Commission discussed the Bus Storage Facility move to 701 E First Street. A motion to disapprove the relocation was made by Ms. Kunkel and seconded by Mr. Geiger. C.U.

The Commission discussed the renovation project at the current Bus Storage Facility located at 309 E First Street. A motion to approve the renovation of the 309 E First Street property was made by Ms. Kunkel and seconded by Mr. Geiger. C.U.

The Commission discussed adding the Merrill Airport Days onto our Special Service Day roster. This year, the Airport Days are in conjunction with the NTC Public Safety Facility's Open House. In addition to general public transportation services, Merrill Airport Manager, John Miller asked to have a shuttle bus from one event to the other throughout our service day to reduce traffic congestion on Saturday September 6, 2014, between 8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. The Commission supports the Special Events Service day and realizes the importance of collaborating our bus service to the event for our citizens and visitors. A motion to recognize and include Merrill Airport Days as a Special Service Day was made by Ms. Kunkel and seconded by Mr. Willis. C.U.

Administrator's Report:

Mr. Adam Berreth and Samantha Garski have been selected as the new part time bus operators. Both have accepted the position and are proceeding with orientation.

Part time Bus Operator Jeff DeJarlais turned in his resignation on Monday August 11, 2014. Jeff's final day of service will be Thursday September 18, 2014. His good nature and commitment to transit will be missed by staff and the citizens of Merrill.

Transit provided bus service to and from the Merrill Community Night Out Event held at Normal Park on 8/5/14. Administrator Grenfell displayed a bus for public viewing and comment. It was a successful event and transit will continue to participate each year.

This year's Lincoln Lager Barley Fest will be held on Saturday October 4, 2014. Transit will again provide full Special Service on this day.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Kunkel and seconded by Mr. Geiger.

Next Transit Commission meeting: September 22, 2014.