

Transit Meeting  
February 16, 2015

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

Absent; Mr. Tony Kusserow

No Public Comment

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2014 Commission meeting was made by Ms. Kunkel and seconded by Mr. Willis. C.U.

The Commission reviewed the 2014 fourth quarter stats. Ridership and revenues were down slightly primarily due to 1000 less student rides. General transportation is consistent and busy. Again we achieved our goal in reduced mileage; -21%. A motion to place the report on file was made by Mr. Willis and seconded by Mr. Geiger. C.U.

The Commission reviewed the 2014 Annual Report. The report reflects a marginal decrease in ridership and revenues. We anticipated 7% loss due to the change in service levels; (1-hour headways). We experienced a 5% loss in ridership, primarily students, which the services levels had little to no effect on. Our main objective was to reduce mileage by 20% and we achieved a 22% reduction in mileage for the year. This kept us well within our operating budget and within the means of reduced State funding. Overall, we provided excellent service in our first year of 1-hour headways and consider 2014 a very successful performance year in spite of the challenges and changes. A motion to place the report on file was made by Mr. Geiger and seconded by Mr. Willis. C.U.

Administrator's Report;

Mr. Randall English has successfully achieved his CDL with the professional training services provided by Mr. Brad Brummond of Wausau. Administrator Grenfell pre-tested Randall on Thursday February 5<sup>th</sup> and advanced him to the third-party tester on Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup>. Both Administrator Grenfell and the Third party tester agreed that Randall is an excellent driver and performed very well during the licensing test. Randall will finish with his classroom training and be behind the wheel in early March.

All employees received ADA Sensitivity Training and mandatory ADA securement Training on Wednesday February 11<sup>th</sup>. This was a certified training program.

Administrator Grenfell and Merrill Historian Thomas Burg acquired a bi-folding door from Merrill's 1896 Trolley #1 from its owner, Mary Kay LaHaie of Tomahawk. The door is on loan for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of public transit at the Merrill Historical Society. Along with the door, we collected an early family photo (1921) of

Mary's Grandparents "honeymooning" in the trolley and diary pages of their stay at "Kitty Flieth's Trolley In" on Clear Lake, Tomahawk.

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

**Next Transit Commission meeting: March 16, 2015.**