

Saline County Area Transit Board Meeting
107 S West Avenue, Western, NE
January 21, rescheduled to February 18, 2016 due to snow

President Schafer called meeting to order. The Open Meeting Law is posted in the Conference room.

Roll call was taken by Scott Bartels. Those present: Crete – none; DeWitt – Kay Clark; Dorchester – none; Friend – Phyllis Svehla; Swanton – MariAnn Pesek; Tobias – Linda Schafer, Jackie Niederklein; Western – Judy Homolka, Joyce Paul; Wilber – Karlene Schwisow, Carol Fictum; County Commissioner - Stephanie Krivohlavek.

Absent: Marty Stones, Jeff Wenz, Shirley Saathoff, Velma Hansen, Maxine Filipi, Jose Macias, Richard Jiskra.

Kay Clark was introduced as a new representative for DeWitt. Josie Macias wants to continue serving for Friend.

Paul moved to dispense with reading the minutes and approve them as presented. Niederklein seconded, motion carried.

Bartels presented the treasurer's report and explained the flow of federal and state reimbursement. Pesek moved, Fictum seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

All assessments for financial support have been received.

Audit proposals are still being sought.

Based on the amount of snow and ice dropped off the South roof slope, Bartels recommended that no shrubs or greenery be planted between the building and sidewalk. One landscaper suggested adding dirt, laying growth barrier and then rocking the area at a cost around \$700.00.

According to Wayne Masek with NDOR, the 2016 lower-floored minivan is in Lincoln and should be available for pick up as soon as he can process the paperwork. The local match money has already been paid for both vehicles. Masek doesn't expect the paratransit bus to be delivered until April or May.

Soup luncheon will be held Saturday, March 5 with a snow date of March 12. The public hearing will also be March 5 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss bus fares (postponed from Jan. 21 due to snow and new Public Notice advertised).

Activities and ideas were discussed for Public Transit Week which is April 10-16. It was decided that SCAT will again do a food drive for local pantries. Board members are to set up collection sites in each of their respective communities. We would like to accept donations throughout the week and then collect all of them toward the end of the week. We will also hold Passenger Appreciation Days on Wednesday and Thursday, allowing free rides for the donation of nonperishable food items.

NATP is trying to set up an appreciation event for transit employees, such as a baseball game in Lincoln. SCAT may choose to do an outing open to the public at the same event.

SCAT participated in the Crete Pumpkin Fest in October, Doane alumni weekend, York Czechfest and a Christmas Light tour.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 21st in Western to be hosted by DeWitt.

Submitted by Judy Homolka for Jackie Niederklein