

**Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS)**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes  
March 31, 2016  
10:30 A.M.  
1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jeff Simonsen, Chair	Cherokee County
Mark Monson, Vice Chair	Woodbury County
Brady Hanson	Monona County
Don Kass	Plymouth County
Rhett Leonard	Ida County

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Michelle Bostinelos, Executive Director	SIMPCO
Curt Miller, SRTS Transit Director	SIMPCO
Bill Cole, Finance Director	SIMPCO
Dawn Kimmel, Mobility Manager	SIMPCO
Emily Coppock, Administrative Assistant	SIMPCO

The Board of Directors met on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. in the Meisner Conference Room at 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa. A quorum was present.

Chair Jeff Simonsen called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

- I. **Approval of the Agenda:** Chair Jeff Simonsen asked for approval of the March 31, 2016 agenda.

***Mark Monson moved to approve the agenda seconded by Don Kass. All ayes. Motion carried.***

- II. **Approval of the Minutes:** Chair Simonsen asked if there were any corrections to minutes of the January 21, 2016 Board of Directors meeting. No changes to be made.

***Mark Monson moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Don Kass. All ayes. Motion carried.***

- III. **Financial Report, December 31, 2015:** Curt Miller, SRTS Transit Director, presented the financial report for the first 6 months through December 31, 2015. Mr. Miller reported that a quarterly report had been filed to the DOT. Curt also reported the application for draw down to receive \$415,000 for FDA funds (annual) has been submitted. Curt noted as of now, billing is caught up to February 2016. Mr. Miller also reported staff is working on implementing new auto scheduling software and new software for accounting to produce more accurate financial reports.

***Mark Monson moved to approve the financial report as presented, seconded by Rhett Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.***

IV. **Operations Update:** Curt Miller reported that there were changes to Medicare regarding new contracts. With these changes SRTS is now working with 5 different contracts to schedule rides and 5 different billing systems to enter in the information daily to bill appropriately. Curt also reported a new bus was delivered under the South Dakota DOT grant and 5 buses are on order from the Iowa DOT grant. Mr. Miller noted that he was working on another project regarding radio systems between the bus drivers and dispatch. The system in place now needs to be upgraded. Mr. Miller is looking at getting quotes to switch the current radio system to cellular push-to-talk systems on the bus driver's tablets. Curt noted they are still actively hiring drivers to fill the needs of the appointments being scheduled. Curt is working with Steve Warnstadt from WITCC to administer our testing for CDL licenses which would make the process more convenient.

V. **Iowa Medicaid Transportation Services Contract:** Curt Miller reported that there were 3 managed care organizations that SRTS are contracted with now. All clients were assigned to a care organization in December 2015. Each one of those organizations then was assigned a broker company. SRTS then set up an agreement with each of those brokers to schedule the rides. Contracts are in place.

AmeriHealth Caritas Iowa, Inc – Curt requested approval from the board allowing him to sign an amended contract with AmeriHealth Caritas Inc, allowing AmeriHealth Caritas Iowa, Inc to schedule half the rides themselves and half of the rides through their broker.

***Don Kass motioned to approve the request to sign the contract with AmeriHealth Caritas, Inc, seconded by Rhett Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.***

United Healthcare of the Midlands, Inc – Curt Miller reported that United Healthcare of the Midlands Inc would like to also administer the medical waivers themselves. It was noted the agreement is still under negotiation at this point. Mark Monson discussed having a conference call to approve this next contract when final. No action taken at this time.

VI. **Purchase three 176" Light Duty Buses, ADA Compliant, from Hoglund - \$87, 750 per bus:**

***Mark Monson moved to approve the purchase of the three new buses from Hoglund, seconded by Rhett Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.***

VII. **Resolution 2016-3 FY 2020 STP Funding:** Application was not accepted for STP funding. Neither discussion nor action taken.

VIII. **Iowa Department of Transportation – FY 2017 Consolidated Funding Application:** Curt Miller requested approval to apply for funding through STA, FTA, and the bus funds. Curt noted there will be a public hearing and public comment period in May through the Sioux City Transit.

Mark Monson approved the application for funding, seconded by Rhett Leonard. Jeff Simonsen requested a roll call vote. All ayes. No further discussion. Motion carried.

IX. **Mobility Manager Update:** Dawn Kimmel reported she was continues with community involvement helping the people of those communities figure out what their options are as far as the new Medicare and Medicaid transitions. Dawn reported she is currently working on a project with Siouxland District Health to reach people with disabilities throughout the communities focusing on the Sioux City metro area. Ms. Kimmel is continuing visiting communities regarding regional congregate meal sites to discuss area transportation options.

X. **Building Update:** Curt Miller reported that he is working on estimates for a new roof for the building as well as estimates for a new parking lot. Also noted that there will be updates to the building including new painting of the offices, carpet cleaning, and cleaning up of the office spaces.

XI. **Other Comments:** Jeff Simonsen reported the next SRTS Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2016.

XII. **Adjournment:** Jeff Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.