

**Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS)**

Board of Directors

Minutes

September 21, 2017

9:00 A.M.

Conference Call

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jeff Simonsen	Cherokee County
Rhett Leonard	Ida County
Rocky De Witt ( <i>Substitute for Matthew Ung</i> )	Woodbury County
Gary Horton	Plymouth County

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Michelle Bostinelos, Executive Director	SIMPCO
Curt Miller, Transit Director	SIMPCO/SRTS
Bill Cole, Finance Director	SIMPCO
Emily Coppock, Administrative Assistant	SIMPCO

The Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS) Board of Directors met on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

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

- I. **Approval of the Agenda** – Chair Simonsen asked if there were any additions or corrections to the September 21, 2017 agenda.

*Rocky De Witt moved to approve the amended agenda presented at the meeting, seconded by Rhett Leonard. Motion carried all ayes.*

- II. **Approval of the Minutes** – Chair Simonsen asked if there were any additions or corrections to the June 22, 2017 minutes.

*Rhett Leonard moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Gary Horton. Motion carried all ayes.*

- III. **Financial Update** – Bill Cole, Finance Director, reported on the financials through June 30, 2017. Bill noted this has been a very successful year for SRTS. Revenues up by \$1.6 million which includes the purchase of 3 new buses. Bill also reported on the financials through August 31, 2017 noting that within the first two months of the fiscal year, SRTS revenue has increased compared to the first two months of fiscal year 2017. Bill noted the increase in expenditures was due to vehicle repairs being up \$30k from last year and the wages/benefits increased over July/August 2016. Curt Miller did discuss with the board the possibility of expanding service hours in the future.

*Rocky De Witt moved to approve the financial update, seconded by Gary Horton. Motion carried all ayes.*

IV. **Iowa DOT Agreements** –

- a. *New Bus Purchases* – Curt Miller reported to the board that this item was to approve him to order new buses dependent on agreement. Once Curt receives the agreement, he will present at the next meeting.

*Jeff Harcum moved to approve the purchase of new buses dependent on agreement, seconded by Gary Horton. Motion carried all ayes.*

- b. *Operating Grant* – Curt noted he has not received agreement yet. No action

V. **Used Bus Purchases** – Curt Miller provided a handout to the board referencing vehicle replacement for FY 2018. HE presented the current vehicles to order from Iowa DOT agreements and next year vehicles on State PTMS list ranked by age and miles. Curt noted we will use local funds to replace damaged buses with “used” buses in the meantime while waiting on federal funds. Buses range from \$35,000 a piece using local funds. Discussion regarding different companies in which different used buses could be purchased from in the future. Curt is asking the board to approve the purchase of 4 used buses using local funds not to exceed \$150,000.

*Rhett Leonard moved to approve the purchase of 4 used buses, seconded by Rocky De Witt. Motion carried all ayes.*

VI. **Building Update** – Curt Miller still waiting to hear on timeline to start building study. Should know by next board meeting.

VII. **Other Comments** – Curt Miller informed the group that SRTS was honored during the METRO Magazine’s third annual Innovative Solutions Awards for implanting a new initiative that helped them improve training, save money, and run more efficiently. SRTS teamed with Zello to convert from a two-way radio system to a push to talk application, which reduced the agency’s cost from \$2,600 per month to \$360 per month for 50 buses. This new system works as well or better than the old 800 megahertz radios and eliminates the cost of buying radios.

*Next Meeting - Thursday, November 16, 2017*

VIII. **Adjournment** – Adjourned at 11:25 p.m.