

**Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS)
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 20, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
Held In-Person & via Zoom originating from the
SRTS/SIMPCO Office at 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, IA**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vince Phillips, Chairman	Monona County, Iowa
Devlun Whiteing, Vice Chairman	Ida County, Iowa
Shane Bellefy	Cherokee County, Iowa

GUESTS PRESENT:

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STAFF PRESENT:

Michelle Bostinelos, Executive Director	SIMPCO
Brian Pearson, Transit Director	SIMPCO/SRTS
Joshua Bush, Finance Director	SIMPCO
Emily Guthrie, Executive Assistant	SIMPCO

The Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS) Board of Directors met on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom and in person at 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City. A quorum was present.

Chairman, Vince Phillips called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

- I. Approval of the Agenda** –Chairman, Vince Phillips, asked if there were any additions or corrections to the November 20, 2025, included in the meeting packet.

Shane Bellefy moved to approve the agenda as presented, motion seconded by Devlun Whiteing. Motion carried all ayes.

- II. Approval of the Minutes** –Chairman, Vince Phillips asked if there were any additions or corrections to the September 25, 2025, regular meeting minutes included in the meeting packet.

Vince Phillips moved to approve the meeting minutes with change to remove Dave from ITEM VII, motion seconded by Shane Bellefy. Motion carried all ayes.

- III. Directors Report** – Brian Pearson provided an update on transit and facility projects and activities since September 25, 2025, as detailed in the Director's Report included in the meeting packet.

IV. Financials –

- a. September/October 2025** – Josh Bush, presented the SRTS Board of Directors with the financials through October 31, 2025, and September 30, 2025/October 31, 2025, included in the agenda packet. Josh noted 33% into fiscal year. He reported FY 25-YTD total revenue as 1,599,374 and total expenditure as \$1,542,450 for a net of \$56,924.

Shane Bellefy moved to approve the financials as presented, motion seconded by Devlun Whiteing. Motion carried all ayes.

- b. Health, Dental and Vision insurance Renewal** - Josh Bush proposed to the board for approval to stay with the 2 different health plans, Wellmark Health (4000 Silver, PPO) and the SIMPLY Blue (6000 Bronze bundle with Wellmark dental. Avesis, vision plan, is locked in with no rate increase. Staff recommendations to stay with current plans.

Devlun Whiteing moved to approve the staff recommendation to continue with Wellmark (4000 Silver, PPO) and SIMPLY Blue (6000 Bronze) with dental and Avesis vision plan. Employees will remain paying 25% of their single coverage. The coverage for families would remain at 100% employee cost. Motion seconded by Shane Bellefy. Motion carried all ayes.

V. MTM-Access2Care Contract Rate Amendment –

- a.** Transit Director, Brian Pearson proposed to the Board for approval to add Ida County to MTM contract rate amendment. NEMT \$35 per trip, \$2.30 after 5 miles for Ambulatory and Wheelchair: \$35 per trip, \$2.30 after 5 miles for Ambulatory, Wheelchair: \$35 per trip, \$2.30 after 10 miles

Shane Bellefy moved to approve addition of IDA County to MTM-Access2Care Contract Rate Amendment as presented, motion seconded by Devlun Whiteing. Motion carried all ayes.

VI. Onawa food Bank Pilot Program (December 1, 2025, to May 31, 2026) - Action item

Transit Director, Brian Pearson proposed to the Board for approval the Onawa food Bank Pilot Program for a duration of six months at no cost for passengers. Brian noted 15 people have already signed up for the program.

Shane Bellefy moved to approve the Pilot Program as presented, motion seconded by Vince Phillips. Motion carried all ayes.

VII. Service Contracts – Transit Director, Brian Pearson presented for approval to the Board service contract for the Cherokee Community School District as follows:

- a. Cherokee Community School District - \$10.00 per person, per one-way trip up to five miles and \$20.00 per person, per one-way trip after five miles (December 1, 2025, to November 30, 2026) – **Action Item**

Devlun Whiteing moved to approve the Service contract with Cherokee Community School District as presented, motion seconded by Shane Bellefy. Motion carried all ayes.

VIII. Other Comments -

Brian Pearson provided information on remaining 3 vans that should be arriving next week. Those vans will support Monona, Cherokee and Ida counties.

IX. Adjournment-

Next Meeting – Thursday, January 22, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Chairman, Vince Phillips adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Tonia Abell (not in attendance) on December 9, 2025.