

MINUTES
Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS) Board of Directors
****Special Meeting Minutes****
Thursday, August 13, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
Held In-Person & via Teams 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
Dave Dietrich	Woodbury County, Iowa

STAFF PRESENT:

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

The Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS) Board of Directors met on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. via Teams and in person at 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City. A quorum was present.

Vice-Chairman, Devlun Whiteing called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

- I. Approval of the Agenda** – Vice Chairman, Devlun Whiteing, asked if there were any additions or corrections to the August 13, 2026, included in the meeting packet.

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

- II. Approval of the Minutes** – Vice Chairman, Devlun Whiteing asked if there were any additions or corrections to the July 9, 2026, Special meeting minutes included in the meeting packet.

Dave Dietrich moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Devlun Whiteing. Motion carried all ayes.

- III. State Transit Assistance (STA) Formula Project, DOT Agreement # STA-FORM-040-SFY27, \$364,981, July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027 – Action Item**

Transit Director, Brian Pearson presented the FY 27 State Transit Assistance (STA) Formula Project, DOT Agreement to the board for approval.

Shane Bellefy moved to approve the State Transit Assistance Formula Project Dot Agreement, seconded by Devlun Whiteing. Motion carried all ayes.

IV. Medical Transportation Management (MTM) Nebraska Contract, effective September 1, 2026, Ambulatory \$19.69/\$1.85 per mile and Wheelchair \$46.12/\$1.85 per mile – Action Item

Transit Director, Brian Pearson presented the MTM Nebraska Contract for board approval. Brian noted that SRTS is now recognized as a Nebraska Medicaid provider. The contract with Nebraska would begin on September 1st, 2026, with the rates aligning with the State.

VINCE PHILLIPS joined meeting via Teams at 10:06 a.m.

Shane Bellefy moved to approve the MTM Nebraska Contract as presented, seconded by Devlun Whiteing. Motion carried all ayes.

V. Enterprise Commute and SRTS Vanpool Program Amended Contract, Appendix B, Amendment #1 – Action Item

- a. \$250 per vanpool per month starting or ending in service area
- b. Active vanpools remain \$500 per vanpool per month starting or ending in service area

Transit Director Brian Pearson proposed an amendment to provide a \$250 monthly subsidy for vanpools within the service area, while maintaining a \$500 subsidy for vanpools in Elk Point. Brian emphasized the need for annual reviews to ensure alignment with funding sources.

Vince Phillips moved to amend appendix B to reflect A & B to the Enterprise Commute and SRTS Vanpool Program, as presented, seconded by Devlun Whiteing. Motion carried all ayes.

VI. Service Contracts –

- a. Sioux City Community School District Amended Contract, \$35 per person, after 5 miles \$2.60 per mile, out of town trips, July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027

Transit Director Brian Pearson proposed an amendment to the transportation contract with Sioux City Communities School District, effective from July 1st, 2026, to June 30th, 2027. Currently, in-town transportation within Sioux City is charged at \$20 per person per trip. The addition to contract will include a \$35 flat fee per person and an additional \$2.60 per mile beyond five miles.

Devlun Whiteing moved to approve amendment to the transportation contract with Sioux City Communities School District to the new rates as presented. seconded by Shane Bellefy. Motion carried all ayes.

VII. Other Comments -

Next Meeting – Thursday, September 24, 2026, 10:00 a.m. (Hybrid)

VIII. Adjournment- Chairman, Vince Phillips adjourned the meeting at 10:11 a.m.
Minutes prepared by Tonia Abell (not in attendance)