

Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS)

Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rhett Leonard, Chair	Ida County
Tammy Bramley	Monona County
Wane Miller	Cherokee 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 Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. via conference call.

The members of the SRTS Board of Directors held this session by electronic means pursuant to the provisions of the Iowa Open Meetings Law, Section 21.8, Code of Iowa. An in-person meeting was not possible due to the Covid-19 declared pandemic and subsequent order to maintain social distancing when and where possible. The meeting was held by conference call originating from the SRTS office at 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa. It was open to the public via conference call only. Those on the call could hear the proceedings. Public notice of the meeting has been issued in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.4.

Chair Rhett Leonard called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

- I. **Approval of the Agenda** – Chair Leonard asked if there were any additions or corrections to the May 13, 2020 agenda.

Wane Miller moved to approve the May 13, 2020 agenda as presented, seconded by Tammy Bramley. Motion carried all ayes.

- II. **Approval of the Minutes** – Chair Leonard asked if there were any additions or corrections to the April 8, 2020 meeting minutes presented.

Tammy Bramley moved to approve the April 8, 2020 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Wane Miller. Motion carried all ayes.

- III. **Financials** –

March 31, 2020 Financials - Bill Cole presented on the SRTS financials through March 31, 2020 included in the meeting packet. Bill reported total revenue as \$2,476,176 and total expenditures as \$2,359,693 for a net of \$116,483.

Tammy Bramley moved to approve the financials presented, seconded by Wane Miller. Motion carried all ayes.

Contract Rate Increase – Curt Miller reported driver rates are reviewed every year with the board approving a 5% increase last year. Discussion was held.

Tammy Bramley moved not to increase rates at this time and to review again at the end of the year, seconded by Wane Miller. Motion carried all ayes.

- IV. **Iowa Department of Transportation Agreement** – Curt requested approval of grant IA-2020-010-00 for \$1,154,536 from the FTA for Emergency Relief Operating Assistance as related to Coronavirus Public Health Emergency, January 1, 2020 through June, 20, 2023 to be extended as necessary.

Rhett Leonard moved to approve the Iowa Department of Transportation agreement as presented, seconded by Tammy Bramley. Motion carried all ayes.

- V. **City of Sioux City Paratransit Contract Extension** – Curt Miller noted pursuant to the 3 year contract initiated June 5, 2017, he would like the board to approve an additional one year contract extension with the City of Sioux City Paratransit.

Tammy Bramley moved to approve the contract extension, seconded by Wane Miller. Motion carried all ayes.

- VI. **COVID-19 Operations** – Curt Miller reported SRTS is still operating with essential medical trips only, such as dialysis. Curt noted the paratransit routes were running as usual with rides down 80%. He also noted that SRTS will start to slowly re-open once the Iowa Governor starts to re-open certain agencies. Curt stated N95 masks, face shields, rubber gloves, as well as disinfectant spray will be available to the drivers when assisting passengers. Discussion held regarding the continuation of driver wages with limited operations.

Tammy Bramley moved to continue driver payroll through June 5, 2020 with a re-evaluation of the Board on June 1, 2020, seconded by Wane Miller. Motion carried all ayes.

- VII. **Other Comments** – Next meeting: Monday, June 1, 2020 10:00 a.m.

- VIII. **Adjournment** – Chair Leonard adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.