



Effingham County Board
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January 10, 2024 1:30 P.M.
Transportation Committee Meeting
MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Norbert Soltwedel, Chair; Jeremy Deters; Elizabeth Huston
Committee Member Absent:
Other Board Members Present: Joshua Douthit
Others Present: Peter Niccum (CSS), Beth Beck-Marts (CEFS), Kelly Lockhart

Minutes

- Amended minutes from December 13, 2023 were approved. E. Huston motioned/J. Deters seconded. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*

Unfinished Business

- Effingham County Public Transportation (ECPT)
 - IDOT Compliance Review Update – No update.
 - Deviated Route Update – B. Beck-Marts provided report showing 220 units for E-Trax being highest unit count since inception with many stops showing an increase.
 - Rebuild Round 3 Grant (Maintenance Facility) – B. Beck-Marts stated contract is complete and waiting review and signature with expectation of return sometime next month. B. Beck-Marts confirmed RFQ has been submitted to grant manager for review and property appraisers are on standby for approval. B. Beck-Marts shared hopes of having signed contract for presentation to the full board for approval next month.
 - CVP – B. Beck-Marts reported award notices should be presented this month, however with increase in vehicle costs, there is no guaranteed timeline on completion and delivery of vehicles awarded.
 - 5311 and DOAP – B. Beck-Marts confirmed grant application season for both grants with no award notices issued at this time. B. Beck-Marts anticipates no changes from previous year.

New Business

- Shelter for County Building E-Trax Stop – N. Soltwedel confirmed Rotary Club will finance shelter for E-Trax stop for County Building. Discussion on donation recipient for shelter. B. Beck-Marts to research shelter expense and best method for donation process.
- E-Trax Ridership – N. Soltwedel inquired on public transportation availability for probation clients. J. Douthit to inquire with Probation Department on needs.

General Information/Public Comments

- B. Beck-Marts confirmed a township donation from Lucas Township for \$500.00.
- B. Beck-Marts reported reworking handbook and driver training programs moving forward for 2024.
- P. Niccum shared mileage report for CSS leased buses being 5504 miles, 7206 miles, and 9508 miles.

- Update on Disposal of Excess Vehicle – K. Lockhart shared necessity for letter and new appraisal of vehicle for release of title. J. Douthit requested vehicle be cleaned up in case of silent auction.
- PCOM Update – K. Lockhart reported call with IDOT stating all compliance reviews are set for 2024 through 2025.

Closed Session

Adjournment

- J. Deters motioned and E. Huston seconded. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Thompson, County Board Administrator