



Effingham County Board
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May 14, 2025 1:30 P.M.
Transportation Committee Meeting
MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Norbert Soltwedel, Jeremy Deters

Committee Member Absent: Mike Buzzard

Other Board Members Present:

Others Present: Pete Niccum (CSS), Beth Beck-Marts (CEFS), Kelly Lockhart

Minutes

- Minutes from April 9, 2025 were approved. N. Soltwedel motioned/J. Deters seconded. Unanimous.
Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

- Effingham County Public Transportation (ECPT)
 - April Service Report
 - B. Beck-Marts' report showed April service report of 2,683 total passenger trips, 13 new riders, 37 unmet rides, and 363 non-ambulatory rides.
 - B. Beck-Marts' report showed April demand response trip purpose report of 380 medical, 1,863 employment, 34 nutrition, 37 business, 83 shopping, 55 social/recreational, 32 other, and 0 educational purposes.
 - B. Beck-Marts' report showed reduced fair report of 393 seniors, 320 disabled residents, 39 veterans for demand response.
 - E-Trax Update –
 - B. Beck-Marts reported 199 total units with 9.05 as the average per day and 1.13 as the average rides per hour.
 - B. Beck-Marts reported reduced fair for E-Trax of 83 seniors, 46 disabled residents, and 13 veterans with \$10 in donations
 - Rebuild Round 3 Grant (Maintenance Facility) – K. Lockhart stated IDOT denied request for reimbursement for land purchase requesting IDOT be listed as lien holder for title and pipeline easement for driveway/parking lot. K. Lockhart reported title company currently correcting title to include IDOT as lien holder. K. Lockhart to follow-up on pipeline easement. K. Lockhart stated with other expenses included in the subdivision plat and various other expenses, reimbursement can be submitted this week. K. Lockhart reported good response time with IDOT on project so far. K. Lockhart confirmed bids from architects are due May 29th.

New Business

General Information/Public Comments

- B. Beck-Marts reported on staffing stating she has one(1) part-time driver in training and two (2) driver/dispatchers in pre-employment stage.

- B. Beck-Marts reported the Title XX Grant has been completed and submitted for \$30,467.
- B. Beck-Marts reported Midland Grant is in process and due on May 30th.
- B. Beck-Marts stated she will be applying for a new IDOT supplemental grant to the capital projects grant which is due on June 1st.
- B. Beck-Marts stated all CVP vehicles have been delivered and in process of prepping for service/graphic installation.
- B. Beck-Marts reported she will be attending a strategic planning meeting in anticipation of federal budget cuts.
- B. Beck-Marts shared the revamping of advertising programming to help lower costs in the hopes to secure more advertising programming since mobile advertising can be used as program revenue.
- Vehicle Update – P. Niccum shared mileage report for CSS vans of total of 6,539 miles. P. Niccum reported IDOT inspections recommended tires be replaced on all three buses. P. Niccum reported up to 112 individuals participating in CSS programming. Discussion on bus lease renewal and committee in agreement of strong possibility in continuance of lease with CSS upon current lease's expiration.
- PCOM Update
 - Update on Excess Vehicle – K. Lockhart reported no update.

Closed Session

Adjournment

- N. Soltwedel motioned and J. Deters seconded. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Thompson, County Board Administrator