

FOREST COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FOREST COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
DATE: MARCH 14, 2024
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: FOREST COUNTY COURTHOUSE, CRANDON, WI

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Jungwirth, Miller, Koziol, Abney, Hill (by phone)

Members absent: Sommer, Van Grinsven

Others Present: Kathy Fohrman, Cindy Gretzinger

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by to Koziol to approve agenda at the chairperson's discretion, second by Abney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Hill to approve the February 13, 2024 meeting minutes, second by Abney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Gretzinger commented that Forest County is pursuing withdrawing from ADRC of the Northwoods. Currently, Forest and Taylor Counties share administration of the ADRC of the Northwoods. Forest County will reach out to the Potawatomi and Sokaogon Chippewa tribes to ask about sharing of resources. A resolution on support of the ADRC by Forest County only will be considered by the Forest County Board of Supervisors.

DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION ON AGING'S APPLICANT COMMITTEE MEMBERS; POSSIBLE ACTION

There are four applicants for vacant position(s) on the Commission on Aging Committee. All four candidates were discussed. No action was taken.

DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING REFERENDUM

Changes that have been made by Chairperson Fohrman to the Commission on Aging practices should result in saving money in the Aging budget. GWAAR mandates the following programs: the meal sites except for carryout, exercise and nutrition education programs.

DISCUSSION OF PRICE INCREASE FOR CONGREGATE, CARRYOUT, AND HOME- DELIVERED MEALS; POSSIBLE ACTION

If the referendum fails to pass, the carryout program will be ended with the exception of Alvin. Motion by Koziol to increase the price for congregate meals to \$4 and home-delivered meals to \$5, second by Hill. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF PRICE INCREASE FOR TRANSPORTATION ROUTES; POSSIBLE ACTION
Motion by Koziol to increase price of transportation routes to \$5, second by Abney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ON CARETAKER PROGRAM; POSSIBLE ACTION

The caretaker program is not mandated by GWAAR. Budget analysis by Chairperson Fohrman and Fiscal Agents Holcomb and Campbell shows that the current budget does not support the existing levels of hours and pay rates provided to caretakers in the current program. Further examination of the budget situation will be done. No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF BUS/VAN ROUTE PROGRAM POLICY AND PASSENGER BEHAVIOR POLICY; POSSIBLE ACTION

No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL ROUTE POLICY; POSSIBLE ACTION

No action taken.

DIRECTORS REPORT

- Director Fohrman reports that MOW drivers for the Crandon route are needed on Mondays and Tuesdays immediately.
- Director Fohrman reported that ads for the newsletters are needed.
- The Stockbox program, which has 166 participants, may be cut if the referendum fails.
- Bingocize has begun; it is scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays from nine to ten A.M. Volunteers are needed to lead.
- Director Fohrman reports that she has not received a response to voice mail messages left for Corporation Council Payant regarding edits to our By-Laws.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Review pages 1-3 of the bus/van route program policy
- Discussion and possible action taken on the Caregiver Program
- Review of the medical route policy at a future meeting, date to be determined
- By-laws discussion with Paul Payant, Corporation Council and/or Nick Musson to be scheduled for the May 14, 2024 meeting, including research on state statute Chapter 46.82

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Forest County Commission on Aging meeting will be held on April 8, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hill to adjourn meeting at 12:01 P.M., second by Abney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

These minutes are not official until approved and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the next scheduled Commission on Aging Committee meeting.