The Valley County Transit Board met on Thursday, February 12, 2015, in the Valley County Transit office.

Present: Colleen Forrester, Joleen Cotton, Sherrill Richardson, Connie Wethern, Melanie Sorensen , Bruce Peterson and Colleen Pankratz. Guest: Don Malfreda

Chairperson Colleen Forrester opened the meeting at 3:03 pm.

Introductions were made.

**Minutes:**

Motion by Connie, second by Joleen to accept the November minutes. Motion passed.

**Correspondence:**

* Notice from State that we were approved for $360,000+ in federal funds for FY 2016. This is about $13,000 less than this FY.
* Joleen Cotton has resigned from the Board and has accepted a position with the Valley County Transit.

**Coordinator’s Report:**

* The expense/revenue report through January 31, 2015 was reviewed
* Handsfree device policy was distributed
* New system - still having some issues. Problems are with their system and us learning the new system.
* Commissioners are talking about possible funding cuts for FY 2016.

**Unfinished Business:**

* Wheelchair Policy: ADA rules don’t state chair has to have brakes, so we can’t require. State suggested we should have a policy stating that we are not responsible for injuries due to faulty wheelchairs or other mobility equipment. Colleen should contact other transit agencies to see how they are handling this. Colleen will also contact MACO.

**New Business:**

* Frazer: Bruce had a request from the Frazer School Superintendent (Corinna) for transportation to Glasgow twice monthly. They can guarantee a full bus if we can provide it. Colleen has contacted Fort Peck Transportation regarding their trips to Glasgow but has more questions for them and she will also contact Corinna.
* Colleen presented some facts that came from the Office on Aging in Helena regarding the projected elderly population for 2025. It is expected to increase dramatically. Is there anything we want to do to plan for this?

**Other Business:**

* Colleen Forrester questioned whether the TAC had approved a capital request for 1 or 2 buses? The Board had suggested to apply for 2 buses and 1 van; 1 bus and 1 van were approved by the TAC.

**Public Comment:**

**Next Meeting Date:** May 14, 2015

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Melanie Sorensen, Secretary

Colleen Forrester, Chairperson