

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE 85.21 SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE GRANT
FROM THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2008
AT THE VILAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE
EAGLE RIVER, WISCONSIN

The Public Hearing was opened at 9:00 a.m. by the Commission on Aging Chairman Erv Teichmiller. The following members of the community were present: Loyd Black, Betty Gussick, Shirley Haws, Ray Johnson, Carolyn Kneip, Dennis Nielsen, Mary Platner, Donna Rollmann, Chris Wise, June Wedell, Eric Johnson from the Lakeland Times, Fred Radtke, Ronald Gritzer, representative for Senior Co-Housing. Other interested parties were: Joe Fortmann and Susan Richmond.

This Public Hearing was properly posted and listed in the Vilas News Review and Lakeland Times. Copies of the proposed 85.21 Grant were available for review.

Fortmann described the process utilized when discussing the grant funds. Discussion was held on the proposed budget of each project. The amount of each grant was discussed by the members with the total grant being \$85,008.00.

There was discussion about advertising our services more. Radtke talked about the St. Germain Prime Timers new mini-bus and distributed printed material that displayed their bus schedule. Richmond thanked Radtke for the outstanding job he has done with activities and his efforts and willingness to help the Commission on Aging with transportation issues.

Wedell stated that her brother has utilized the transportation service and how useful this service is. Teichmiller stated he is thrilled to sign vouchers for this program because that means that consumers are not isolated. Kneip stated that she personally has used the escort program and it has been vital to her health situation.

Discussion was held on fuel prices and how that affects our transportation program.

There being no further comment, Platner made a motion and Nielsen seconded the motion to close the Public Hearing at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Richmond
Administrative Secretary

Joe Fortmann
Director