

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Social and Environmental Committee

CHAIRPERSON: Don Hill, Chairman

DATE/TIME: May 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

☒ Don Hill

☒ Bill Bingham

☒ Robert O'Connor

☒ Bob Heuerman

☒ Hendrica Regez

☒ Diane Allendorf

☐ Janet Checker

A quorum was established.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Nicole Hermsen, Sandra Schleicher and Scott Toot

1. Minutes Approval:

- a) Minutes of the April 21, 2022 Social & Environmental Committee Meeting – **Bob O'Connor made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2022 Social & Environmental Committee meeting. Seconded by Bob Heuerman and motion carried.**

2. Citizens' Comments: None.

3. Unfinished Business

- a) FY22 Strategic Goals and Plans – The FY2021/FY2022 strategic goals and plans were not reviewed at this time.

4. New Business

- a) Discussion and possible action regarding a resolution authorizing the application for a capital assistance grant for paratransit vehicles. – Nicole Hermsen, Transit Director, applied for a capital assistance grant for five 14 passenger vehicles and one mini-van paratransit vehicle. She explained that delivery could take up to 18-24 months and by that time the current vehicles will need replaced. **Diane Allendorf made a motion to authorize the application for a capital assistance grant for paratransit vehicles. Seconded by Hendrica Regez and motion passed following a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.**

5. Staff Reports

- a) Jo Daviess County Transit Director/PCOM – Nicole Hermsen, Transit Director, advised this past Tuesday she was at the local VFW and she was presented with a check in the amount of \$2,150 (\$2,000 from Jo Carroll Energy and \$150 from Galena Chrysler) to go toward the Veterans Ride program she has been working on. June 4th the Galena in town routes will be starting so she will be looking for weekend only drivers to assist with those routes.
- b) Public Health – Sandra Schleicher, Jo Daviess County Public Health Administrator, reported COVID is still steady. COVID testing and vaccines are still available. The under 5 year old vaccinations are not approved yet. The health department will offer them when they are approved and become available. The health department I Plan, local needs assessment, was approved. Sandra advised that she will be working with the 708 Board to see what the Counties mental health needs are.
- c) Mental Health Board – There was not a meeting last month.

6. **Citizens' Comments:** None.

7. **Board Member Concerns:** None.

8. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn was made at 6:20 p.m. by Bob Heuerman, seconded by Bob O'Connor. Motion passed following a voice vote resulting in all ayes.

Next regular meeting will be on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.