

MINUTES OF THE IOWA COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
May 5, 2006 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Jerome Laufenberg on May 5, 2006, at 10:02 a.m. in the Veterans Library, Iowa County Courthouse, Dodgeville, WI.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS: Judi Heiden from the Council for the Blind was introduced to the Board.

Roll call was take by Betty Walsh

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Brown, Eva Kraak, Jerome Laufenberg, MaryClaire Murphy, Geri Peterson, Doris Raisbeck, Phyllis Reddell, Mary Richter, Phil Roberts, Rosalie Zweifel, June Meudt.

STAFF PRESENT: Judy Lindholm, Betty Walsh, Nancy Howard

GUESTS PRESENT: Judi Heiden, Council of the Blind.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Emma Abplanalp, Lorraine Jones, Carolyn Nagel-Thomas, Ted Van Epps, Dorothy Radke.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Heimerl.

CERTIFICATION OF MEETING: Judy Lindholm reported the meeting had been posted and certified as required by law. A motion to approve the certification was made by Phil Roberts and seconded by Carol Brown. Motion carried without negative vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Geri Peterson and seconded by MaryClaire Murphy to approve the agenda.. Motion carried without negative vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There was a correction reported by Eva Kraak regarding Phil Roberts not being listed as present at the last meeting. With the above correction a motion was made by Geri Peterson and seconded by MaryClaire Murphy to approve the minutes. Motion carried without negative vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Judy Lindholm gave the totals of the expenses and income for April and handed it out for review.

ANNUAL REPORT: Judy asked to postpone the Annual Report until next month. Some of the things she mentioned was using the Veterans Van for those who needed a lift and can not transfer any other way. Judy also mentioned that someone had hit the van we and we never found out who. It is questionable how long the Van will be accessible. Phil Roberts is on the Highway Committee and will ask about leaving the van

up there instead of in the parking lot at the courthouse.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY: Judy explained that MaryClaire Murphy's term as Secretary, has expired and that position can only be for a three year period. A nomination was made by Phyllis Reddell to nominate Geri Peterson as the Commission on Aging Board Secretary.

APPOINTMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR A THREE YEAR TERM FROM COBB, BARNEVELD AND THE RURAL AREAS AS IN ORDER:

Judy Lindholm reported that Carolyn Nagel-Thomas from Cobb, Doris Raisbeck from Barneveld and Rosalie Zweifel from the Rural Area were willing to accept another three year term. A motion to approve all these appointments was made by Geri Peterson who also asked nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for the three people mentioned above in the areas of Cobb, Barneveld and Rural Area. This was seconded by Carol Brown. Jerome Laufenberg asked three times if there were any other nominations. Hearing none a unanimous ballot was accepted.

BENEFIT SPECIALIST REPORT AND TRAININGS: Nancy Howard gave the Benefit Specialist report for April. She reported they had been very busy with the Part D Drug Program.. Nancy also discussed the Senior Expo that Alvina attended and also the Health Fair at Crestridge which she attended. Nancy felt that both the seniors of Iowa County enjoyed the Senior Expo and Health Fair. A discussion ensued on some of the other duties which the Benefit Specialist performs.

COUNTY AGENCY REPORTS: June Meudt from the Iowa County Health Department was not able to stay long enough to report so hopefully she will be able to next month. Judi Heiden from the Council of the Blind gave a report on all the different items that are available to help the blind and she is willing to go to see anyone who is in need. She gave us many ideas to help those who suffer from blindness.

AREA AGENCY REPORT: Geri Peterson reported that she had the minutes from the last meeting and that if anyone wanted to read them she will place them on file with the Commission on Aging minutes. A discussion ensued on macular degeneration and that Geri, herself, has it along with others in our Community. Geri stated the next Area Agency meeting will be held on June 15, 2006.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT: Carolyn Nagel-Thomas was not available to give a report.

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT AND TRAININGS: Betty Walsh, Transportation Coordinator, gave her report for the month of April and reviewed it with the Board. Betty also asked the Board for permission for herself and Judy to attend a Transportation Conference in WI Dells on May 23 & 24, 2006. A motion was made by Geri Peterson and seconded by Doris Raisbeck to approve Judy and Betty attending this conference. Motion carried without negative vote.

AT THIS TIME THE COMMISSION ON AGING BOARD SHALL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SEC. 19.85 (1) (c) CONSIDERATION OF EMPLOYMENT, PROMOTION, COMPENSATION AND PERFORMANCE EVALUATION DATE OF ANY PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OVER WHICH THE GOVERNMENT BODY HAS JURISDICTION OR EXERCISES RESPONSIBILITY AND CONSIDERATION OF ONE DRIVER ESCORT APPLICATION. A motion was made by Geri Peterson and seconded by Rosalie Zweifel to go into closed session. A roll call vote was taken and was unanimous.

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: A motion to return to open session was made by Rosalie Zweifel and seconded by Doris Raisbeck. Motion carried without negative vote.

MOTION TO APPROVE OR REJECT DRIVER ESCORT APPLICATION: A motion was made by Eva Kraak and seconded by Phil Roberts to interview the potential volunteer driver and report back to the Commission on Aging Board at the June Board meeting.

DIRECTION'S REPORT AND TRAINING: Judy Lindholm, Director, reported that last month we talked about Family Care and a consortium has been formed that includes Iowa, Grant, La Fayette, Richland, Juneau, Sauk and Green Counties. This consortium received a \$100,000 grant as did several places throughout Wisconsin. Judy reported she went to a 2 day workshop in Richland Center to find out how Family Care actually works within Richland County as that is the one County that has been chosen to find out how it has been working within the consortium that all the counties mentioned above are in. Judy reported that in Iowa County Neil Blackburn is the person who will sign the memorandum of understanding. They had a telephone Conference that she was able to listen to but from now on they will be having telephone conferences on the first Friday of the month and then they also meet face to face once a month. Judy reported that she will be able to attend the face to face meetings and after much discussion it was decided that she should try to tape the phone conference meetings. Judy reported that she feels this is very important to the disabled and elderly folks in our County and we need to know who will handle this program.

Judy also reported on the Expo held at the Ameri Host Inn in Belmont. There were 675 people who attended. Judy felt it was a wonderful program for seniors and everyone seemed to enjoy it.

Judy reported on Plant a Row which people may get seeds from the UW Extension Office to produce vegetables for those who are in need.

ACTION ON FINANCIAL REPORT: A motion was made by Geri Peterson and seconded by Rosalie Zweifel to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried without negative vote.

REPORTS OR COMMENTS FROM OTHER BOARD MEMBERS AND OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Rosalie Zweifel reported that SHARE would be held at Kindercastle on May 20th and AARP would be meeting at Stonefield on May 16th. Rosalie stated that the Bloomfield Auxiliary would be holding a Mother's Day luncheon and tea on May 13th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Bloomfield Manor. Rosalie reminded everyone that the Balloon Fest would be held at Bloomfield Manor on June 1, 2006, from 5:00 p.m until 9:00 p.m. She also reported that there will be a plant sale at Harris Park from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on May 20th sponsored by the Uplands Garden Club.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting will be held on June 2, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. in the Veterans Library, Iowa County Courthouse, Dodgeville, WI.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Phil Roberts and seconded by Eva Kraak to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Respectfully Submitted;

Betty Walsh, COA Secretary

Geri Peterson, Board Secretary

APPROVED