

**MINUTES OF THE IOWA COUNTY  
COMMISSION ON AGING BOARD MEETING  
May 4, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by chairperson, Geri Peterson.

**ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:** There were no introductions. Roll call was taken by Betty Walsh.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ron Benish, Carol Brown, Eva Kraak, MaryClaire Murphy, Carolyn Nagel-Thomas, Margaret Peat, Geri Peterson, Phyllis Reddell, Phil Roberts, Rosalie Zweifel.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Judy Lindholm, Betty Walsh, Nancy Howard.

**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 Margaret Peat and seconded by Ron Benish to approve the certification. Motion carried without negative vote.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Margaret Peat and seconded by Eva Kraak to approve the May 4, 2007, agenda. Motion carried without negative vote.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Judy Lindholm reviewed the April Financial Report and handed it out for the Commission on Aging Board to review.

**APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS:**

Barneveld  
Mineral Point  
Hollandale  
Rural  
Cobb

Judy stated that in order to be in compliance with the Area Agency we have some folks that are willing to go on the Advisory Board for the next year. They are Lorraine Jones, MaryClaire Murphy, Rosalie Zweifel.. Margaret Peat was finishing out Richard Heimerl's place on the Board as the Dodgeville representative and she is willing to stay on the Commission on Aging Board.

Judy announced that Millie Swedland from the Barneveld area is willing to take the place of Doris Raisbeck on the Board as Doris is moving out of the area. A motion was made by Phil Roberts and seconded by Carol Brown to approve Millie Swedlund from the Barneveld/Ridgeway area and Margaret Peat from the Dodgeville area for a three year term on the Commission on Aging Board. Motion carried without negative vote.

A motion was made by Phil Roberts and seconded by Ron Benish to approve Lorraine Jones, MaryClaire Murphy and Rosalie Zweifel to be on the Advisory Council. Motion carried without negative vote. Carolyn Nagel-Thomas is resigning from the Cobb area so she gave us some names of people who might be interested in taking her place. At this time Ron Benish asked about amending the By-Laws as to the number we need for a meeting. This will be looked into.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON:** Judy Lindholm stated that Geri Peterson was filling out the term of Jerome Laufenberg as Chairperson so therefore she has agreed to be the Chairperson for another 3 year term. Carolyn Nagel – Thomas nominated Geri Peterson for Chairperson for another 3 year term. This was seconded by Rosalie Zweifel. . Geri asked three times if there were anymore nominations. Hearing none Rosalie Zweifel asked that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot for Geri Peterson be cast.. This was seconded by Carol Brown. Motion carried without negative vote.

Judy reported that since Margaret Peat who is our Board Secretary now would be willing to take the position as Vice-Chairperson. MaryClaire nominated Margaret Peat for Vice-Chaireperson and and it was seconded by Eva Kraak. Geri asked three times if there were any more nominations. Hearing none Eva Kraak asked that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Margaret Peat to be the Vice-Chairperson and seconded by Carol Brown. Motion carried without negative vote.

Judy stated that since Margaret Peat is the new Vice-Chairperson we needed someone to be the Secretary of the Commission on Aging Board . Judy stated that Eva Kraak was willing to take that position, but since we did not have this on our agenda it will be on the agenda for June.

At this time a discussion ensued on 1099's for our Volunteer Driver Escorts. Russ Feingold has a bill out called S403. Betty announced that she attended a meeting with Rep. Russ Feingold in Linden and she told him how concerned she was about our Volunteer Driver Escorts who donate all their time and are only paid mileage. Betty stated that many times they are out 6 to 8 hours. He stated that he is working on it. Senator Ron Kind also has a bill out called HB1836 which our office is very concerned about and asked everyone on the Board to call or write to both of these men and let them know how concerned we are. Betty stated she has not lost as many drivers as she thought she would but some are concerned.

**ANNUAL REPORT:** Judy handed out the monthly report and reviewed all the programs with the Commission on Aging Board. She did state that she had a typo error which she will correct before the Annual Report goes to the Iowa County Board of Supervisors for their approval. With the correction that Judy will make a motion was made by Carolyn Nagel-Thomas and seconded by Carol Brown to approve the Annual Report. Motion carried without negative vote.

**BENEFIT SPECIALIST REPORT:** Nancy Howard handed out the Benefit Specialist Report for April and reviewed it with the Board. Nancy stated they had been doing a lot of Homesteads. Nancy handed out a press release that just happened before she came to the meeting stating that the Senior Care Drug Program will be in effect until the end of

2007. She handed out the press release for the Board to review. A motion to approve Nancy's report was made by Margaret Peat and seconded by Eva Kraak. Motion carried without negative vote.

**SUN REPORT:** Dee Suchomel was not available to give a report. Phil Roberts stated that they are still having some problems at the Arena meal site.

**COUNTY AGENCY REPORT:** There were no County Agencies available to give a report.

**AREA AGENCY REPORT:** MaryClaire Murphy reported she has not been to a meeting since our last meeting so she had nothing to report at this time.

**ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT:** Carolyn Nagel-Thomas had nothing to report at this time.

**TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT AND TRAININGS:** Betty Walsh handed out her April Transportation Report and reviewed it with the Board

- a. **BUS PURCHASE:** Betty stated she sent out the bid packets to 3 different companies and received 2 back. One was from Nelson Bus Company of Whitewater and Wisconsin Bus Company from Deforest. Betty stated that we also put the bus on our web site and one person called but did not want to pay what we could get from Wisconsin Bus. The Nelson Bus Company came in at \$33,213 with the trade in of the old bus and Wisconsin Bus Company of Deforest came in at \$29,000 with the trade in of our old bus. Betty reported that we put it on the Internet and received 2 calls. Betty reviewed one from a lady who wanted it to live in and wouldn't have the money at this time so that was not feasible and the other one just inquired about the bus and never called back. A motion was made by Margaret Peat and seconded by Phyllis Reddell to approve purchasing the bus from the Wisconsin Bus Company. Motion carried without negative vote.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Judy Lindholm reported that she has a heavy role in the ADRC Board which is made up of Iowa County Community Services, the Veterans Service Office and the Iowa County Department of Social Services. Judy stated there will be an open house for the ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) and the CMO (Family Care/Care Management Organization) on May 21, from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. in the Iowa County Board of Supervisors Room. There will also be a Community Forum on May 23, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Avoca City Hall in Avoca and at the Hodan Center in Mineral Point from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.. On June 5, 2007, there will be a Town Hall Meeting from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Iowa County Courthouse Board of Supervisors Room, Iowa County Courthouse, Dodgeville, WI.

**ADRC REPORT:** Judy explained that one of the roles of the ADRC would be to conduct the functional screen to determine if someone was eligible for Family Care. A short discussion ensued.

**ACTION ON FINANCIAL REPORT:** A motion was made by Carolyn Nagel-Thomas and seconded by Eva Kraak, to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried without negative vote.

**REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM OTHER BOARD MEMBERS AND OPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS TO BOARD:** Rosalie Zweifel reported that AARP would be meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup> and they will have a speaker to speak on Fraud Awareness. She also handed out papers about SHARE and stated SHARE will be distributed on May 19, at Kindercastle from 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting will be on June 1, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. in the Iowa County Board of Supervisors Room, Iowa County Courthouse, Dodgeville, WI.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Eva Kraak and seconded by Carolyn Nagel-Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Respectfully submitted:  
Betty Walsh, COA Staff Secretary  
Margaret Peat Board Secretary