

Town of La Pointe
Winter Transportation Committee
April 17, 2019

Members present: Jim Patterson, Town Board Supervisor; Chair,
Gary Russell, Manager, Madeline Island Ferry Line, Inc.
Max Imholte, Citizen at Large

Members present via speakerphone: Dave Weber, Facilities Manager, Bayfield School District
Jeff Gordon, Superintendent, Bayfield School District

Ex officio present: Arnie Nelson, Windsled Transportation, Inc.

Town Staff present: Lisa Potswald, Town Administrator

1. Call to order.

The Winter Transportation Committee (WTC) called to order by Jim Patterson, Chair on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 1:46 pm. A quorum of the committee is present as shown by members listed above.

2. Minutes of the Following Meetings to be Considered for Approval:

A. November 8, 2018

Motion by Jeff, second by Dave to approve the November 8, 2018 WTC minutes. All in favor, all aye except Gary and Max who abstained. Motion Carried.

3. 2018-2019 Windsled Season review

- Arnie gave an overview of the season;
 - After Ferry Boats shut down:
 - 20 days of windsleds (above average)
 - 36 days of ice road
 - 8 days windsleds
- The big sled (Windmark) was used a lot and overall ran good.
- New Windsleds
 - 1st new sled arrived later than expected and had some electronic issues.
 - 2nd sled arrived and had issues with water in the fuel tank.
 - Both sleds have been returned to Lake Assault Boats with a 3 page list of repairs that need to be made.
 - Arnie asked Lake Assault to delay the start of the 1 year warranty until after the boats are returned from these repairs, we have not received an answer yet.
 - Overall Arnie is happy with the new sleds; they perform well, and the wheel system works great.
 - We still owe Lake Assault \$68,616.37 and will hold final payment until repairs are made.

4. Discussion and/or recommendation to the Town Board of vouchers submitted

Young & Associates – Van Business Liability	\$ 1,136.09
Young & Associates – Adding LA Sled #1	2,483.33
Young & Associates – Adding LA Sled #2	2,030.13

Clerical Assistant Note: The committee did not approve these vouchers because they were already paid.

Nelson Construction Invoice # 15465	\$ 4,067.74
Windsled Transportation Invoice # 269769	348.98
Windsled Transportation Invoice # 269765	1,114.63

Motion by Jim, second by Gary to approve vouchers listed above. All in favor, all aye. Motion Carried.

Arnie stated he has not yet billed for his trips (he will not charge for Nathan's time) to Lake Assault in Superior. These will be billed after his last trip.

5. Review of Winter Transportation designated funds

General discussion, no action taken.

6. New windsleds update and discussion of 4/15/19 meeting with Lake Assault

Discussed under 2018-2019 Windsled season review.

7. Discuss and decide on which windsled to sell

- Arnie's thoughts
 - Nelson Sled; Arnie asked for the Nelson Sled to be given back to the Nelson Family. He stated 18 yrs. ago a value of \$50,000 was placed on this sled; 80% paid by the Federal Government and the other 20% paid by the Town, Madeline Island Ferry Line and Bayfield School District. He feels it isn't worth anything to anyone else and is part of our island history.
 - Windmark (big sled); Arnie doesn't think we should sell this. He would like to run this sled until it dies to save hours on the new sleds.
 - Husky (ice rescue sled); Arnie thinks we should keep it until we get at least a year in with the new sleds and ice rescue personnel are familiar with them.
- Nelson Sled
 - All entities would have to agree to give the sled to the Nelson Family.
 - Lisa will write up something to send to the School Board.

Motion by Jim, second by Gary that the Winter Transportation Committee recommends the Nelson sled be given back to the Nelson Family contingent upon approval by the Town Board, Bayfield School District and Madeline Island Ferry Line. All in favor, all aye. Motion Carried.

8. Approve use of Winter Transportation Building by Ambulance Service

Arnie stated he moved his office and the windsled out of the Winter Transportation Building. There are still tools and supplies in the building but are not in the way.

Motion by Max, second by Jim to approve the temporary use of the Winter Transportation Building by the Ambulance Service.

9. Discuss new terminal/windsled building

General discussion on need for a building to house winter transportation.

10. Schedule Next Meeting and Set Agenda.

Next meeting will be scheduled after Arnie has his next meeting with Lake Assault.

Future Agenda Items:

Discuss new terminal/windsled building

11. Adjourn

Motion by Max, second by Dave to adjourn. All in favor, all aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourns at 2:33 p.m.

Minutes taken from recorder and respectfully submitted by Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant.

Minutes approved as presented September 11, 2019. Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant