



**SPOT ADVISORY
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 2nd 2015**

MAYOR CAROL KUNZEMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1:00 P.M.

All are present except Mayor Shaha.

Mayor Logan moved to approve the minutes of last meeting. Seconded by Mayor Lewis.

RIDERSHIP: Marion reported 6,082 for September. If this trend continues we will do a little over 80,000 for this year. Last year was about 82,000.

OPERATIONS: Marion reported everything is going well. There has been talk about doing an inner City service, from Bonners Ferry to Coeur d'Alene. The State just put a grant out for it. Marion will apply. The funds will not start for another year.

Marion reported on the training that she attended in Denver for Rural Transportation. Clif & Erik had worked on the GIS System and it is now ready to be submitted to Google Earth. One of the guest speakers was Secretary of Transportation, Mr. Fox. He talked about the National Highway Bill. There is an amendment to that bill that will probably be voted on tomorrow that increases the weight limit on trucks. She reported on "Interstate Travel is just down the Road" put on by Greyhound. Inner-city grants are 50/50 match. Greyhound will pay the match money for this grant. All we need to do is get our bus to meet up with their morning and afternoon bus seven days a week. The grant involves capital and operating expenses. There would be a fare charged for Bonners Ferry to Sandpoint or Coeur d'Alene and if the passenger was going farther than that, SPOT would get a portion of the fare. She will put in for the grant. Mayor Logan suggested that Marion collect letters of support from BCATT, colleges, adjacent Cities and County. There may be another grant that we can apply for Veterans transportation.

Larry reported that they are having a meeting this coming Wednesday at 1:00p.m. at Mugsy's. May be changed to City Hall. Marion will find out.

OLD BUSINESS: Thorn is putting out a survey to their employees to see where they live and if they would take the bus. They will get back to Marion when the survey is done.

JOINT POWERS: Mayor Logan reported that Scott has looked at it and it is unusually complicated and it doesn't achieve what we want it to do. It isn't that much different than what we have now it's just saying that different people do it. She doesn't think it accomplishes what we want to accomplish. She thinks SPOT needs to exist as its own entity and be the recipient of funds, not have any association with the City governments other than the Mayors contributing. SPOT needs to exist as its own 501-3C. Another way to do this is to keep the same structure we have right now and just hire an administrator. Marion will call the State and see what other buses are doing.

There were seven applications for the dispatcher position. They are getting ready to do the interviews soon.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Mayor Logan moved to adopt the strategic plan as presented by Carole Richardson. Seconded by Mayor Lewis. All in favor.

SCHWEITZER UPDATE: Clif has been working on this and he is absent. Tabled until the next meeting.

City Clerk-Treasurer Su Warren