

**Transportation Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

August 14, 2019 - 2:05pm – 3:45pm

Coquille Indian Tribe Community Health Center – Conference Room

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**Call to order/Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order at 2:05pm by Lauren Morris

**Members Present:** Becky Cantrell, Cindy Elbert, Kara Towner, Selena Kelly Irvin.

**Absent:** Sheri Meza,

**Guests Present:** Lauren Morris, CIT Mobility Coordinator

**Approve Minutes**

Committee discussed and looked over the minutes of the January 25, 2019 and February 27, 2019 meetings. Selena suggested “STIF discretionary?” fill the blank at the top of page 2 of the January minutes. Lauren agreed that is the proper phrase and to drop the question mark. Discussion was had regarding incorporating into the February 27, 2019 minutes the emails of April 2, 2019 wherein the committee voted to accept the proposed policy changes for Council’s approval. Becky made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Kara seconded. Both sets of minutes were approved unanimously as amended and appended.

**Update on Grant Programs**

The committee discussed the importance of making the youth at the Learning Center a priority for transporting them from school to the Learning Center for after school homework and programs. It was estimated it would take 1-2 hours each day to pick up the students and deliver them to the Learning Center.

Lauren announced that funds are available for transportation for 9-12 grade activities including for trips to college campuses and other outings as well as to pick up from schools for afterschool programs. Becky mentioned that we need reliable drivers and that the schools need to know who is picking up the children. We cannot use volunteers to drive the tribal vehicles or keep switching drivers.

She also said that Brady Metcalf and she will constitute the “transportation assistant” as proposed in the STIF grant and that she would likely be the person to do the afterschool driving. She will arrange for back-up drivers for reporting to the schools as the responsible people picking up.

Lauren said we were going to start recruiting volunteer drivers for door-to-door service.

Lauren also told the committee that she was going to start taking the Elders' bus on a shopping trip to Eugene one Saturday a month.

### **CCAT**

We talked about CCAT cutting services and the need for more community involvement to help with the problem. Lauren said she was looking into vanpooling through Enterprise and was hoping to partner with the hospital, the Mill Casino and other larger employers. Kara said she would speak with Quila about the Casino and Hotel's needs.

### **Vehicle loaners**

We discussed usage of the vehicles after their useful life and the possibility of keeping some of them to loan out to tribal members such as the gold van and a pickup truck. Lauren will look further into this topic to see what we are able to do.

### **Next meeting**

The committee declined to set a new date but is willing to meet if necessary at a later date.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45p.m.

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