

**MEETING MINUTES
SPOT**



**SELKIRK PEND OREILLE TRANSIT
February 20, 2020**

NANCY LEWIS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 11:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Clif Warren, Colleen Culwell, David Sims, Gary Kunzeman, Nancy Lewis, Ron Smith, Shannon Pittmann

Absent: Walt Kirby, Zale Palmer

MINUTES: Approve minutes of the January 16, 2020 regular meeting as submitted.

Motion to Approve: Clif Warren/ Ron Smith. All in favor. Approved

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

A. Accept Financial Reports for January. Clif Warren reported we are still under budget. Total expenses are about \$60,000 under budget. There was discussion.

B. Approve payment of prepaid bills and outstanding bills.

Motion to accept financial reports and to approve payment of prepaid bills and outstanding bills: Clif Warren/ Ron Smith. All in favor. Approved

STAFF REPORTS:

Ridership: David Sims reported on the January ridership figures (see attached report). The ridership for the fixed route was higher for the same period last year and also from last month. Demand Route ridership is down. The Boundary County and Mountain Route ridership were both up. Gold Route ridership, reported in the Boundary County numbers, was four.

Operations: David Sims reported Bus 219, which was hit by another vehicle, will be going into the body shop for about 2-3 weeks. The other driver is covering all costs. Most of the new bus stop signs have been installed. David met with both the Kootenai & Dover councils to provide information on our operations. ITD is running behind on the grant schedule for 2020/2022. No word yet on what our award might be for those years. The City of Sandpoint is continuing development of their multi-modal plan, which includes public transportation issues. The Mountain Route is going better after some driver changes. We are still experiencing some mechanical issues with the buses. Some of the repairs are being covered under warranty.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. **Boundary County Service Development Committee:** Ron Smith reported that Boundary County is requesting more services to the outlying areas to justify any increase in their match funds. The amount of our grant award for 2020/2022 will determine what we can do, if anything, to accomplish that.

ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Action Item: Review Mountain Route operations and funding options.** ITD referred David Sims to review the operations between Driggs and the START Bus. An RFP is issued to bid on bus service to the ski operations. They then contract out the bus route operations to the RFP winner, which could be the ski resort, using ITD grant funds. The winner handles all operations and is paid a fixed rate per mile. SPOT should look into this further for the Mountain Route.

Motion to continue the process of investigating this option. Clif Warren/ Nancy Smith. All in favor. Approved.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS: Clif praised the SPOT staff. Receiving good comments from riders.

Meeting adjourned 11:45 a.m.