



Namekagon Transit
Sawyer County/Lac Courte Oreilles Transit Commission
Namekagon Transit Board Minutes
July 9, 2026 1:00 PM

- 1 Call To Order & Pledge of Allegiance
Chair R. Buckholtz called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.
- 2 Roll Call:
Members Present: R. Buckholtz, M. Helwig, M. Savitski and Don Carley (by phone)
We have a quorum.

Staff Present: D. White, J. Manville-Camp, C. Dugle, R. Viau and C. Cook
- 3 Approve Agenda of July 9, 2026 Meeting:
Motion by M. Helwig, second by M. Savitski to accept the Agenda for July 9, 2026.
Motion carried.
- 4 Approve Minutes of June 11, 2026 Meeting:
Motion by M. Savitski, second by M. Helwig to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2026 meeting. Motion carried.
- 5 Recognition/Correspondence - None
- 6 Public Comment - None
- 7 Director Report
 - a. Staff Updates
 - b. New Fiscal Manager Update
 - c. Ridership
 - d. Rider Code of Conduct - Operations
 - e. 2027 Budget Discussion
 - f. Health Insurance Update
- 8 Old Business
 - a. Financial Report
Expense and Revenue Statement for June 2026
Motion by M. Savitski, second by M. Helwig to approve June 2026 Expense and Revenue Statements, as presented. Motion carried.
 - b. Ridership Report for June 2026
Motion by M. Savitski, second by M. Helwig to approve June 2026 Ridership Reports , as presented. Motion carried.
 - c. Maintenance Report for June 2026
Motion by M. Helwig, second by M. Savitski to approve the June 2026 Maintenance Reports, as presented. Motion carried.
 - d. Marketing/Mobility Mgmt. (informational only) - Colleen Dugle gave updates.

9 New Business

a. Weekend Service Update and Discussion

Discussion: The Namekagon Transit Board discussed reservation priorities and the transit schedule, with specific attention to weekend service. Questions were raised regarding the process for scheduling weekend rides and accommodating reservation requests.

Follow-Up: The Tribal Governing Board will invite Darrin White to attend the August meeting to address these concerns, clarify any misunderstandings, and work toward an agreeable resolution. No motion.

b. 2027 Proposed Budget Update

Discussion was held regarding the challenges associated with preparing the Proposed 2027 Budget. It was noted that current expenses used in developing the proposed budget continue to increase on a month-to-month basis, creating difficulty in establishing realistic line-item amounts for 2027. The ongoing economic and financial pressures affecting the country were also acknowledged as significant factors impacting the preparation of a realistic proposed budget. Based on these considerations, Namekagon Transit anticipates requesting an increase in local match funding from Sawyer County and LCO. No motion.

c. Washburn County Services

Discussion was held regarding consideration of a resolution for service changes in Washburn County, Wisconsin. Members reviewed the document and discussed relevant background, potential impacts, and next steps. Following discussion, the matter was tabled at this time. Tabled

10 Closed Session

Motion by M. Helwig, second by M. Savitski to go into Closed Session at 2:20 pm. Motion carried

11 Reconvene in Open Session

Motion by M. Savitski, second by M. Helwig to reconvene into Open Session at 2:40 pm. Motion carried.

Action Taken

Motion by M. Helwig, seconded by M. Savitski to approve compensation increases for the identified employees in response to prevailing economic and financial conditions and to better align employee compensation with applicable standards. Motion carried.

12 Future Agenda

- a. Washburn County Services
- b. Phone call between Michelle and Darrin
- c. Darrin to meet with TGB August meeting

13 Next Namekagon Transit Board Meeting August 13, 2026, 1:00 pm

14 Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 2:43 pm.