

DTA
Dakota Transit Association
Annual Membership Meeting, Board Minutes
Jamestown Civic Center, Jamestown, ND
September 15, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

On September 15, 2025 the annual membership meeting was called to order by DTA President Kathy Holman 4:00pm at the Jamestown Civic Center, Jamestown, ND.

ATTENDANCE:

Megan Gould
Kathy Holman
Andrea Irwin
Adam Sharkey
Jordan Smith
Maureen Wegenke

STAFF PRESENT:

Jacqueline Senger, Executive Director

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Lisa Bartlett/Pat Hansen made a motion to approve the agenda: Motion carried.

ROLL CALL:

During roll call ballots were handed out to transit agencies that were present. Members present were as follows:

ND DTA Members:

Cavalier County Transit, City of Fargo MATBUS, Dickey County Transportation, Dickinson Public Transit, Golden Valley /Billings County (G.V.B.) Council on Aging, James River Public Transit, Kenmare Wheels & Meals, Inc., Minot City Transit, Pembina County Meals & Transportation, Senior Meals & Services, South Central Adult Service Council, Southwest Public Transit, Valley Senior Services, West River Public Transit, Wildrose Public Transit, and Northwest Dakota Public Transit.

ND DTA Absent Members:

Benson County Transportation, Bis-Man Transit, Cities Area Transit, Hazen Busing/City of Hazen, Kidder Emmons Senior Services, Nutrition United Inc., Souris Basin Transportation, Standing Rock Public Transit, and Walsh County Transportation.

SD DTA Members:

Aberdeen Ride Line, Community Transit of Watertown-Sisseton, Inc., People's Transit, Rapid Transit System, River Cities Public Transit, Rural Office of Community Service, Inc. Transit, Southeast Public Transit, and Yankton Transit, Inc.

SD DTA Absent Members:

Prairie Hills Transit, and Sioux Area Metro (SAM).

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES:

Pat Hansen/Brian Horinka made a motion to accept the September 16th, 2024 annual membership board minutes: Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS & BUDGET:

Pat Hansen reported on the financial reports. Carol Anderson/Mallory Meier made a motion to accept the financial reports: Motion carried.

Pat Hansen presented the proposed budget. Lisa Bartlett/Brian Horinka made a motion to approve the proposed budget: Motion carried.

RFQ FOR 2026 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION:

Adam Sharkey discussed the Request for Quotes for the 2026 executive director position. An RFQ has been put together and will be released after the conference giving anyone from ND or SD who is interested in the executive director's position an opportunity to bid for the position. The current executive director's contract will expire December 31, 2025.

PASS TRAINING REPORT:

Rod Grafig reported on PASS training. If anyone is interested in becoming a trainer contact Rod. CTA has released 8.1 PASS. SD has offered to help ND with PASS as ND is short of trainers. Rod has requested a mailing list from the board so he can let everyone know when there is going to be a class.

VACANT BOARD POSITION:

The board has appointed Tamara Hofland to replace the vacated position previous held by Rose Drake.

2026 DTA CONFERENCE:

The 2026 DTA Conference is going to be held in Huron, SD September 17-23, 2026 at the Crossroads Hotel/Huron Events Center. There are also 2 other hotels that are being looked into.

ND agencies that are interested in hosting the 2027 DTA Conference & Roadeo email Jacque and she will provide you with the basic requirements for hosting the event.

VENDOR SHOW UPDATE:

Megan Gould reported on the vendor show. There will be a total of 28 vendors.

ROADEO WINNERS:

Adam Sharkey reported on the roadeo.

ND:

1st Place; Sheri Harsche, Standing Rock Public Transit
2nd Place; Terry Holland, West River Transit
3rd Place; William Ridley, Standing Rock Public Transit
4th Place; Luciana Ford, James River Public Transit
5th Place; Gerald Thu, James River Public Transit

ND Rookie of the Year, William Ridley, Standing Rock Public Transit

SD

1st Place; Eric Martinson, Community Transit of Watertown/Sisseton, Inc.

2nd Place; Doug Herr, Community Transit of Watertown/Sisseton, Inc.

3rd Place; Vance Patterson, Prairie Hills Transit

4th Place; Bryce Lambert, River Cities Public Transit

5th Place; Noel Cummins, Community Transit of Watertown/Sisseton, Inc.

SD Rookie of the Year, Douglas Arden, Community Transit of Watertown/Sisseton, Inc.

SATURDAY NIGHT AWARD WINNERS:

ND:

Friend of Transit; John Thomson, South Central Adult Service Council

Above and Beyond; Al LaFebre, Southwest Public Transit

Driver of the Year; Dolly Branley, West River Transit

Dispatcher of the Year; Dan Imdieke, South Central Adult Service Council

SD:

Agency of the Year; Prairie Hills Transit

Friend of Transit; Valley Queen Cheese, Milbank, SD

Above and Beyond; Randy Wallace, presented by Lisa Nippolt

Outstanding Support Staff; Sue Trively, Community Transit of Watertown/Sisseton, Inc.

Driver of the Year; Keith Aman, Aberdeen Ride Line

Dispatcher of the Year; Tara Maifield, Community Transit of Watertown/Sisseton, Inc.

CTAA UPPER MIDWEST REGIONAL DIRECTOR:

Megan Gould is the new CTAA Upper Midwest Regional Director. Megan will be covering FTA's Region 8.

BOARD ELECTIONS:

There are 2 board positions that are open, one for ND and one for SD. Neither Jordan Smith nor Megan Gould will be running for another term.

ND: Pat Hansen nominated Karrie Mikkelsen from Cavalier County Transit. Brian Horinka/Amber Haugenoe made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot: Motion carried. Karrie accepted the nomination and will be the new board member for ND.

SD: ROCS nominated Terry Hoffman from Community Transit of Watertown/Sisseton, Inc. Brian Horinka/Pat Hansen made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot: Motion carried. Terry accepted the nomination and will be the new board member for SD.

DOOR PRIZES:

Door prizes will be drawn at the end of Wednesday sessions. You need to be present to win.

TUESDAY NIGHT BASH:

The Tuesday night bash will be a western theme with a mechanical bull for whoever wants to ride. There will also be a silent auction.

SURVEY MONKEY:

An online survey will be sent to all members for feedback and comments following the conference. Please fill it out.

Mallory Meier/Lisa Bartlett made a motion to adjourn the meeting: Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karrie L. Mikkelsen
Secretary