Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 17, 2026 - 9:00 a.m.
Government Center Veterans Memorial Auditorium

Members present:	Kathy Krug, Diane Vaughn, Kelli Rasmussen, Carole Knoll, Deb Neuheisel, Bob Heil, Cheryl Hakseth and Carsten Ellison
Absent:	Patti Anderson
Others present:	Jennifer Jako, Alisa Lammers, Darby Smith, and Leanne Grover

Vice Chair Kathy Krug called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Public Notice Compliance: Jennifer Jako stated we were in compliance with the open meeting Public Notification Laws.

Approval of the Agenda: Diane Vaughn made a motion to approve the agenda, Carsten Ellison seconded, motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes (October 20, 2026): Deb Neuheisel made the motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Diane Vaughn, motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Fiscal Report: Jennifer Jako reviewed the October 2026 fiscal summary report and reviewed the program's revenues and expenditures. Indirect cost questions were asked.

2027 85.21 Grant Application (vote): Jennifer Jako reviewed the grant application. The 2027 Barron County Specialized Transportation for Persons Age 60+ and Adults with Disabilities handout was distributed. The budget consists of grant funds of $146,332 with a 20% required match in the amount of $29,266.00, over-match of $80,025.00, estimated passenger revenue of $20,000, and Volunteer Services fund of $5,000 for a total budget of $280,623.00. Jennifer reviewed eligible passengers, transportation priorities, types of service, collaborators—Compass IL and Namekagon Transit, and ridership data and trends. Jennifer reported on the Public Hearing held on November 5, 2026 and reviewed the input received. Further discussion was held around staff trainings, local day fares, and how transportation supports socialization in our community. Diane Vaughn made a motion to submit Barron County's 2027 85.21 Grant application, seconded by Deb Neuheisel, motion carried.

2027 Meeting Dates: It was decided to continue meeting at 9 a.m. on the 3rd Tuesdays of the month. 2027 meeting dates would tentatively be: March 16, May 18, July 27 (fourth Tuesday), August 17, October 19, and November 16.

Staff Report & Program Updates: (a) Nutrition & Transportation Programs – Darby reported that we have offered the Head Cook position with official start date of December 7th. Darby reported we will once again be participating in the "Share the Love" Event in conjunction with Subaru with the goal of promoting the MOW program, encouraging volunteerism, and receiving a share of the revenues raised. Darby shared the MOW customer surveys are going out. Darby shared that the State of Wisconsin DOT has notified us that our 2025 5310 vehicle award is starting to be processed. (b) Daybreak/Family Caregiver/Health Promotion Programs – Alisa Lammers reported that the POA Party event hosted on October 22 was a big success, reaching 107 people. She shared the survey feedback. We are planning to host 2 POA Parties in 2027. Alisa informed the board about a new "Caregiver Focus" pilot with Cumberland Healthcare. Alisa informed the board of an upcoming Caregiver Voices advocacy event, tentatively planned for end of February 2027. Alisa reviewed upcoming Health Promotions planning for 2027. (c) ADRC report – Jennifer gave an update on Medicare Part-D open

enrollment and both Elder Benefit Specialists (EBS) are completely booked. The ADRC will give other resources such as: Medicare.gov, 1-800-Medicare, Medigap helpline, Part D helpline, and local insurance agents to get help. (d) Director's updates – Jennifer informed the board that GWAAR completed our annual Aging Plan review assessment; we are on track and she will share the official letter with the board via email.

Future Agenda Items – 2028-2030 Aging Plan

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16th, 2027 at 9 a.m. at the Government Center Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Barron.

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Jako, Director

Minutes are not official until approved at next meeting.