

Transportation Coordinating Committee Meeting



Friday, March 14, 2014

8:30 AM

Janesville Police Department

100 N. Jackson Street

Janesville, WI 53545

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Justin Svingen, Lynn Jones, Patty Hansberry, Ryan Schomber, Steve Skelly, Terry Nolan, Dave Mumma, Joyce Lubben, Joe Scharenbroch (alternate for John Hanewall), Dave Lowe (alternate for Karl Schulte), Rob Wilkinson, Supervisor Thomas

Members Excused: Jennifer Anselmi, Karl Schulte, Michelle Gavin, John Hanewall

Members Absent: *Beloit MPO Coordinator position vacant

Others in attendance: Carol Wickersham, Jenny Huff

Call to order

Chair Svingen called to order the meeting of the Rock County Transportation Coordinating Committee at 8:31 AM on Friday March 14, 2014.

Approval of Agenda

Member Lubben moved to approve; second by Member Wilkinson; motion carries

Approval of Minutes –12/13/2013

Member Skelly moved to approve; second by Member Schomber; motion carries

Introduction of Members

Members introduces themselves

Introduction of Visitors

Visitors introduced themselves

Citizen Participation, communication, and announcements

Jenny Huff stated that transportation is a big problem for her clients and was interested in how this body could assist her and how she could assist this body.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action: Formation of subcommittees

Chair Svingen presented a resolution that will be sent to the County Board recommending the creation of four subcommittees to the TCC;

- Bicycle/Pedestrian sub committee
- Transportation advocacy sub committee
- Personal mobility sub committee
- Marketing and outreach sub committee

Committees would be comprised of three members of the TCC. Committees would be charged with engaging community stakeholders in the implementation of action identified in the Transportation Coordinated Plan.

The resolution will first have to go to the EVAS Committee on March 18, and then to the County Board on March 27. Meeting would be official County meeting and would have to comply with the open meetings law and be publically noted.

Member Mumma moved to approve; second by Alternate Member Lowe; motion carries

Discussion and Possible Action: Recommendation of appointments to subcommittees:

Advocacy: Member Gavin, Member Mumma, Member Wilkinson

Bicycle/Pedestrian: Vice Chair Nolan, Member Hanewall, Member Schulte

Marketing and Outreach: Chair Svingen, Member Mumma, Member Schomber

Personal Mobility: Member Jones, Member Skelly, Member Hansberry

Vice Chair Nolan moved to approve; second by Member Wilkinson; motion carries

Discussion: WURTA legislative advocacy day-Dave Mumma

Member Mumma provided a recap of the WURTA legislative advocacy day. Member Mumma, Member Gavin, and Carol Wickersham visited all offices of Rock County representatives. Member Mumma also mentioned that Representative Jorgensen will be holding office hours on the Janesville-Milton-Whitewater route on March 31. Bus departs at 12:45 PM from the transfer center in Janesville.

Discussion: Update on Medicaid transportation brokerage program

Chair Svingen stated that the push for an audit of the Medicaid transportation brokerage program by state legislators continues. A third letter was sent by a bi-partisan group of legislators to the state Audit Committee requesting an audit. Supervisor Thomas stated that he would begin the process of having the Board of Supervisors look at a resolution urging the state Audit Committee to move forward with an audit of the program.

Member Reports

Member Jones stated that Community Actions Work'n Wheels program, which provides no interest car loans to eligible workers, did not receive funding for 2014. However,

some excess funds from 2013 are available. Community Action is hoping to have some variation of the Work'n Wheels program up and running by June barring any setbacks.

Member Skelly stated that Rock County Transit is now running seven busses to accommodate trip demand. Rock County Transit is also expecting a couple of new busses in the coming months and older busses will be available via auction to anyone interested. Member Skelly stated that the bariatric capable minivan is being used on a regular basis.

Member Mumma provided a recap of the APTA legislative conference in Washington D.C. Member Mumma met with the Wisconsin delegation. Items discussed consisted of but not limited to:

- Authorization of a six year surface transportation bill
- Restore bus and bus facilities program
- Increase funding for formula programs
- Increase funding for capital purchases

Vice Chair Nolan stated that a number of Janesville representative traveled to DC to discuss local issues and transportation was mentioned often. The National Bike Summit was also recently held in DC and efforts were taken to persuade members of Congress to increase funding for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. Vice Chair Nolan stated that JTS and BTS will hopefully go live with Google Transit trip planner sometime this summer.

Chair Svingen mentioned that he will be participating in an Earth Day event in Beloit on April 26 from 9 am to 1 pm. Information on how public transit is beneficial to the environment will be on display. Chair Svingen was elected to the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Association of Mobility Managers.

Future Meeting Dates

Subcommittees will meet prior to the next scheduled TCC meeting
5/9/2014

*Minutes respectfully submitted by
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**Minutes not official until adopted by the Rock County Transportation
Coordinating Committee**