



**ROCK COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

July 24, 2020

**Call to Order:** A meeting of the Rock County Transportation Coordinating Committee was called to order by Chairperson Hansberry on July 24, 2020 at 8:31 A.M. via ZOOM.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Michael Bachmeyer, Patty Hansberry, David Hyde, Dave Lowe, TJ Nee, Joe Scharenbroch, Ryan Schomber, Paula Schutt, James Thompson, Roseann Tremain, Nikki Wolf

Excused: Supervisor Bomkamp, Alexander Brown, Lynn Jones, Jennifer McIlhone

Unexcused: None

Alternates: None

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Lowe, seconded by Scharenbroch to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**Introduction of Members:** Formal introductions waived. Members viewed those present via Zoom.

**Introduction of Visitors:** William Anderson present from RSVP.

**Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements:** None.

**Approval of January 24, 2020 TCC Minutes:** Motion was made by Scharenbroch, seconded by Schutt to approve the January 24, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

1. Medical Transportation – Updates – Hansberry gave McIlhone’s report noting CarePool is now in Rock County partnering with Badger Bus to serve Janesville. On-demand service will be coming to Rock County. Hyde inquired of the type and range of transportation coming. Hansberry noted question for McIlhone.
2. TCC Plan updates – None
3. Resolution Update – Hansberry noted the County Board had passed a resolution to add a member to the TCC.

## **New Business:**

1. New Member Discussion – Hansberry noted there are 2 interested persons, Kate Stauffacher and Dawn Hudson. Lowe asked if the TCC makes a recommendation. Hansberry noted we would vote to choose 1 of the 2. Schutt noted no vote today per McIlhone. Hyde suggested we hear from each candidate. Schutt indicated Jenni could set up a virtual appearance. Nee inquired if that would be at the September meeting. Bachmeyer agreed with approach. Nee inquired if we would then vote in November. Lowe agreed to not make decision until following meeting after we hear from candidates. Scharenbroch inquired if any terms are up in December that would potentially leave two openings to have both candidates join. Schutt inquired about absentee limits as far as excused versus unexcused as far as current member eligibility. Lowe inquired if specific members are noted in the bylaws or if it's open. Nee noted the bylaws indicate a number of agencies and types of organizations that are represented, but in most cases, not necessarily specific titles and that he would forward the bylaws to everyone. Hansberry noted McIlhone would contact the candidates to join the next meeting.
2. Medical Transportation Cost Survey – Hansberry noted the plan was to delay the survey until the COVID-19 pandemic has passed. Schutt asked if it had to be done in-person rather than virtual. Hansberry indicated the plan was in-person. Hyde recommended doing so virtually. Schutt recommended researching companies that could do so virtually. Lowe agreed we should get started. Scharenbroch agreed noting we could start virtual and transition to in-person if able. The consensus was that we should get started sooner than later rather than waiting for the pandemic to end. Motion by Lowe to proceed with cost survey, Second by Hyde. Motion carried. Hansberry noted grants could be pursued.

## **Member Reports:**

1. Bachmeyer – No disruption in JTS service. Drivers have been healthy. Ridership has diminished. Masks recommended for passengers and required for drivers. Plastic curtain to separate driver from passengers. Automatic Vehicle Location and voice assistance in place JTS app being implemented. Hyde inquired if it was tested for accessibility. Bachmeyer will share the inquiry with the installers.
2. Scharenbroch – Not able to meet client's in-person but using Zoom and phone meetings. This can be a struggle for people with developmental disabilities. With nursing and group homes on lockdown, doing a lot of phone check-ins.
3. Lowe – Shared-ride taxi now sole ride. Drivers wear masks and there are shields in most vehicles. Offering free trips to food banks and delivery of food (currently 10 people). Ridership 2/3 from pre-COVID numbers.

4. Tremain – ADRC has been operating remotely since 3/18. Some technical issues but can take calls. No projected reopen date. Noted masks are required in Rock County facilities. People are getting better at technology but still want to meet in person.
5. Schomber – The Job Center is closed but services continue and his (Ryan's) programs continue unchanged while working from home. Social Security Administration is allowing digital signatures.
6. Hyde – Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired is working virtually. Google Meet and Google Classroom are working well. Does not know when School will reopen, but National Federation of the Blind is planning a virtual conference.
7. Hansberry – RSVP slowed down but drivers still went out. Service is picking up and getting closer to normal. Started a food pantry program. Currently looking for volunteer drivers 55 or older.
8. Schutt – Operating virtually. Julie with Family Caregiver Support Program has had success with virtual programming. Other virtual programming being offered. Transit rides have picked up and numbers are closer to normal. Vehicles are sanitized regularly, masks are worn, and capacity is 4 people per bus. Positive outcomes include clients taking to virtual. Home meal delivery program has seen an increase.
9. Thompson – As of June 8, BTS back to regular service from on-demand. Drivers wear masks, use a curtain barrier, sanitizing done regularly and there is a limit of 10 persons per bus, other than BJE. Proposed new fixed routes presented to City Council. Public input period beginning soon. Implementation planned October 15 after City Council approval. There will be 1 east side route, 1 west side route and 1 outer loop that will also serve the new Amazon facility set to open in August. Bachmeyer inquired about headways. Thompson noted they will be going back to 30 minutes from 40. Scharenbroch mentioned the 2 PM BJE ride for KANDU and Industries for the Blind (check meeting recording on this).
10. Nee noted the SLATS Rail Study is getting underway to determine current and future demand for commuter rail between Rock, Winnebago, Dane and northeast Illinois counties. A number of existing lines connecting Chicago (through Harvard), Beloit, Janesville, Madison, and Rockford will be included in the study.

**Items for Future Agendas:** Schutt noted inviting TCC candidates.

**Future Meeting Dates:** (September 25, 2020)

**Adjournment:** Motion by Scharenbroch, second by Schutt. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:24 AM.

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