

## Transportation Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 11, 2015

**Call to Order:** Joyce Lubben called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

At this time, due to the Chair vacancy and absence of the Vice Chair, the group was asked to nominate an acting chair to conduct the meeting. Molly Nolte was nominated temporary chair for this meeting.

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

### Roll Call:

Present: Jennifer Anselmi, Supervisor Brenton Driscoll, Patty Hansberry, Joyce Lubben, Molly Nolte, Ryan Schomber, Steve Skelly, Rebecca Smith, Rob Wilkinson

Excused: Michelle Gavin, John Hanewall, TJ Nee, Terry Nolan

Absent: Lynn Jones

Alternates Present: Dave Lowe

**Introduction of Members:** Members introduced themselves.

**Approval of the July 10, 2015 Minutes:** Dave Lowe made a motion to approve the July 10, 2015 minutes, seconded by Rob Wilkinson.

**Introduction of Visitors:** Also present were Dan Nikolay from Brown Cab; Addison Vang, intern with Janesville MPO and, Whitney Helm from the Beloit Daily News.

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

### Mobility Manager Report:

Healthcare Transportation Meeting: Molly Nolte discussed progress made within the last two months of her employment. Ms. Nolte talked about the last Healthcare and Transportation meeting held in August as a follow-up to prior meetings regarding NEMT. It was found that noticeable progress has not been made. Finance was a focus of this meeting; attendees attempted to put a monetary value on a missed ride, as well as addressed the double-dipping of state dollars. That information was given to Carrie Porter from GWAAR.

Dementia Friendly Communities Training: Ms. Nolte stated that she provided Dementia Friendly training to the staff of Janesville Transit System. Becca Smith stated that it was very helpful. A "ribbon-cutting" will be held within the following week or two. JTS is the first transportation company in Wisconsin to embrace Dementia Training.

SUN Conference: Ms. Nolte stated she attended the Small Urban Network Conference in Denver, Colorado in August. Topics included common transportation issues with all presentations being focused on small cities and rural areas and those populations' unique challenges. Rock County is categorized as Small Urban.

2016 Grant Submission: The 2016 Mobility Management Grant for 5310 funding has been submitted. Results are expected in November.

AARP Instructor Certification: Molly Nolte explained she is nearly finished with training to become an AARP Smart Driver volunteer instructor. Training will conclude October 16, 2015. After that time, Ms. Nolte will be able to host and teach events throughout the community. After Smart Driver instructor training completion, AARP will train Ms. Nolte to be a CarFit technician. Rob Wilkinson suggested that the fire department might be able to assist with a CarFit event. Becca Smith added the JTS would also be a location to host an event.

**Old Business:**

MTM Update, Legislative Audit Bureau Report: Ms. Lubben advised that she and Molly Nolte had attended the Joint Legislative Audit Committee's public hearing regarding the NEMT audit at the Capitol. Rock County provided written testimony describing Rock County's experience with the transportation brokerage system and NEMT. Ms. Nolte also spoke at the public hearing along with 11 others. Ms. Lubben discussed the position of various committee members as well as the views of some of the public speakers. Ms. Lubben went on to explain that our past contact at MTM advised in an e-mail that she would no longer be taking in complaints directly, but that complaints should be delivered via the "We Care" line. Dave Lowe and Rob Wilkinson recommended carbon copying all of our elected officials whenever we submit MTM complaints to properly document them.

Review of TCC 5-Year Plan: The Implementation Plan from the Public Transit—Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan, pages 28-36 was reviewed. Members discussed specific subsections, progress made, and what still needs to be accomplished.

**New Business:**

Janesville/Milton/Whitewater Express: Becca Smith reported that Generac announced it will no longer fund the JMW Express bus route effective January 1, 2016. Ms. Smith will be recommending that the bus route to Whitewater be eliminated as a result of loss of sponsorship funding and ridership numbers. Ms. Smith further stated that the City of Milton expressed interest in continuing service between Janesville and Milton. Ms. Smith said the City of Milton identifies the route as an investment and asset to their community.

**Member Reports:**

Dave Lowe reported that the Edgerton Shared Ride Taxi ridership was up 15% this year, the highest increase they have seen.

**Future Agenda Items:** None

**Future Meeting Dates:** November 13, January 8

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Patty Hansberry to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Steve Skelly. Meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

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