

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY
SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, August 11, 2020

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Rob Paterson; Mike Norton, Winnebago County Board, Human Services Board & Oshkosh Transit Advisory; Sarah Schneider, Mobility Manager Valley Transit; Laura VanHooreweghe, Paratransit Coordinator Valley Transit, Deb Shepro, Advocap; Shannon Zwitter, Making the Ride Happen; Tricia Rathermel, Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation; Bryn Ceman & Pam Bartelt, Winnebago County Department of Human Services

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

Rob Paterson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Introductions were made by all participants.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016 MEETING:

Rob Paterson moved for approval of the minutes of the May 12, 2020 meeting; seconded by Sarah Schneider and carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

4. COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN:

Plans for each transportation provided will be included the following updates.

5. VALLEY TRANSIT UPDATES:

Laura VanHooreweghe mentioned that they are following specific guideline set in place by the City of Appleton, Mayor and Governor. These guidelines include drivers wearing masks, barriers between driver and rider, distancing with maximum of 10 riders, masks for all riders which are provided if needed, cleaning and sanitizing busses each day.

At this point, there have not been any issues at this point. The plan is to ask the rider if they are able to wait for the next bus. If not possible, the driver would radio supervisor to shuttle where needed.

6. GO TRANSIT UPDATES:

No comments today. At a previous meeting they shared they were following similar guidelines as mentioned above.

7. WINNEBAGO CATCH A RIDE PROGRAM UPDATES:

Shannon Zwitter shared that they currently have no volunteers. They have been working with providers such as taxis and they do have guidelines of wearing masks, using hand sanitizer for drivers and riders as well as sanitizing between rides to keep everyone safe.

Bryn shared that United Way has a great volunteer base that may be of help.

8. MAKE THE RIDE HAPPEN WINNEBAGO COUNTY PROGRAM UPDATES:

Shannon commented that they have been providing medical rides following the same procedures outlined above. They have provided approximately 45 medical rides this quarter. Volunteer numbers have decreased but they do still have some people that are still engaged.

9. ADVOCAP PROGRAM UPDATES:

Deb Shepro announced that they have gone a different route with serving the community. They are currently making food pantry deliveries where they have done 208 food deliveries. They do still have 4 drivers and are able to provide rides. There are no 'shared' rides unless they are from the same household.

It was addressed that they are able to pick up and deliver pre-paid grocery orders but will not handle any money so they do have to be pre-paid.

In other updates, Bryn shared that Nick Musson is no longer with ECWRP and we have invited some of the new contacts we have made there. Rob and Bryn have been reviewing the council members list and welcome the addition of any new entities, please share with us. Some suggestions were made for future topics of concern which included understanding the available database and options and have conversations around changes and enhancements. It was also suggested to have updates on Route 10.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Winnebago County Specialized Transportation Council will be held on November 10, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. with location to be determined.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Mike Norton moved for adjournment; seconded by Laura VanHooreweghe and carried at approximately 2:00 p.m.

Upcoming meetings: February 9, 2021; May 11, 2021; August 10, 2021; November 9, 2021

Respectfully submitted by: Pam Bartelt, Human Services Department