

R4RTCC Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2020

Zoom Meeting

TSI staff – Alissa Smith, Special Projects Coordinator / Integrator – Marcy Petersen

Approval of April 2020 Minutes - Tammy motions and Brenda seconds - Motion Carries

Approval of May Agenda - Lori Hanson motions and Tammy seconds - Motion Carries

Updates:

They will be having a poll about what summer months we would want off – June & August no meeting or July no meeting. Majority on the poll chose no meetings in June & August.

The Phase 3 Grant was submitted, the state will be reviewing the grants fairly quickly if approved will go into effect July 1st.

Marci is completing her travel trainer certification she has had hours and hours of homework and webinars.

Will be working on 6 tasks in the next 6 to 12 months. Working on 1 call 1 click talked about TMCC a lot, costs, impacts. Researching on national level 1 call 1 click programs. A lot of information gathering to determine what level this looks like. Talked about software. Another RTCC in North Eastern MN has received funding to research how the platform will look. What is does the street level look like. MDOT has applied for another grant for southern MN to look into all the complexities. They have envisioned this 20 years ago, looking at having something in place for 2022.

Coordinating transportation across multi-boundaries and will work with the other RTCCs.

Working with Car Care program to expand in other counties. Just focusing on Pope Co in 2020.

MCOTA updates

In working with volunteer driver coalition, MCOTA and MNDOT the 3 are aligning the training, asking people what they want to be trained on. Heather is part of the workgroup. Hoping the RTCC's will work with private and smaller programs, having continuity of training.

Legislation – nothing is happening with the volunteer driver program. There is a meeting on the 27th that RTCC's can attend but must RSVP.

Commissioners are meeting in July. This is the first time in 10 years that they are meeting. This is for legislation. The May meeting is when they will be discussing any asks for legislation or policy changes, this is where RTCC's need to give input.

Volunteer Driver Committee Meeting

Guidebook, policies and procedures in place voted on and approved.

The next phase is to provide training for volunteer drivers. Putting together curriculum.

Transportation Provider Information

Beth from Morris Transit - running regular hours and weekends they are fair free right now. Riders have been increasing. They are available to help out with meal delivery in June. May be working with DAC.

Brenda from Rainbow Rider - pretty much the same as Morris Transit. They reached out to business in the 6 counties for delivery but no one has needed it so far.

Sean with MAT Bus - Fair free, running as normal, assisting with grocery delivery not a lot of people have used this. Wearing PPE and sanitizing buses each night.

Darrin from Transit Alternatives - Had a few people looking for food delivery, plexiglass barriers, sanitize buses multiple times a day, ridership is way down. City hall in Brainerd where they house bus is on fire.

Meeting Adjourned 1:57 PM

Next meeting – summer schedule will be emailed out.