

Minutes

Lyon County Transit Advisory Committee

10/21/2021, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. | ZOOM Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA APPROVAL

A meeting of the Lyon County Transit Advisory Committee was held by Zoom meeting caused by COVID-19 and social distancing. The meeting was called to order by Nick. There was no quorum.

ATTENDEES/NON- ATTENDEES

In attendance were: Chantelle Fogelson, Charlie Sanow, Jessie Dehn, Shelly Pflaum, Nick Leske, Shannon Dorenkamper, Carmen Hailey

Absent were: Ted Stamp, Jim Knudson, Russ Labat, Molly Peterson, John Groothius

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS FROM EACH BOARD MEMBERS

Charlie mentioned there are transportation dollars available but there are no details currently. Jessie said the city is finished with its projects and are beginning planning on next year's projects.

2022 OPERATING GRANT

The 2022 grant has been approved for 3.9 million dollars for a one-year contract and no local dollars.

MY-RIDE UPDATE

Kick off took place. GenFare was on site yesterday measuring the buses for validators. 10 validators will be in Marshall, 10 for Central Community Transit, 10 for Prairie Five RIDES. Marshall will be the pilot, which will begin in February 2022. Still looking into whether the EBT cards can be used with the validators. GenFare is working through each of the company's unique fare structures.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Thursday November 25th, Thanksgiving Day, closed. Friday the 26th, Red Route only, 10:00-5:00, offices closed. Christmas, Friday December 24th Red Route will run 10:00 – 5:00, MAT buses 5:45-3:00 prescheduled rides only, offices closed. Saturday December 25th, closed. Saturday January 1st, closed.

RTCC UPDATE

September 1st was the first quarterly meeting for RTCC. Currently the group is working on getting ride resource information out to the public. Shelly is talking to all forms of transportation from public to private, as volunteer drivers are in short supply. Shelly has drafted a job description for an intern who can help develop and market these resources which will be made understandable to the general public for all nine counties.

STAFF UPDATES

Currently Lyon county needs one full time driver. Marshall would like 3-4 part-time drivers. Nick expanded on what this entails. Nick mentioned there is an interview this afternoon for his former position. The Volunteer Specialists position has been filled. The Claims Specialist is retiring, so that position will need to be filled. Nick also spoke about other positions in other counties that need to be filled. 2020 buses were ordered in July, which include a replacement bus for Lyon County. The 2021 orders have opened up with Marshall having 2 buses that will be ordered. One of these buses will have Ford's advanced driver assistance system. This bus with the ADAS system will be 100% covered by MNDOT. A few examples of the ADAS system are, adaptive cruise control, lane assist, adaptive headlight dimming. 2021 orders will go through a few different vendors to try something new. It is usually 1-1.5 years for a bus to be delivered once the order has gone through. Charlie asked about the statistics. The statistics are January through August. The passenger numbers are on the rise.

Meeting closed at 9:35.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is Thursday November 18, 9 a.m.

If you cannot attend, please send a representative in your place.

Respectfully submitted: Carmen Hailey