

Meeting Minutes

Jackson Transit Action Group (TAG)

Date: Thursday June 1, 2023
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Place: ECIA Zoom Meeting

TAG Members Present:

Ronelle Clark (Chair)
Outreach Coord., HACAP
(proxy Name)

Angela Martensen (VC)
Comm. Integration Supv., ITP
*(Carolyn Schaefer**)*
*(Danielle Kopf**)*

Chris Fee
Superintendent, Easton Valley
CSD/Mayor of Andrew
(proxy Name)

Ben Davison
Senior Advisor/Comm.
Coach, JCEA

Deb Courter
Case Mngr, Dpt. Human Services
(proxy Name)

Lynn Bopes
Coord. DS, EI MHDS Region
(Proxy Name)

Michelle Huseman
Housing Specialist, EIRHA
*(Caitlin Siemionko**)*

Don Schwenker
RTA Board Member,
Jackson County Board of
Supervisors
(proxy Name)

Sally Davies
Comm. Relations Coord.,
Clover Ridge Place
(proxy Name)

Ted Strait
Manager, Maquoketa Farmers
Market/Gen Pub
(proxy Name)

Tom Meyer
Superintendent, Bellevue CSD
(proxy Name)

Chris Hoover
Superintendent,
Maquoketa CSD
(proxy Name)

Name (Vacant)
Dialysis, Grand River Medical
(proxy Name)

Jean Hayes**
Chief Nursing Officer, Jackson
County Regional Health Center
*(Pam Schoenthaler**)*

Name (Vacant)
Case Manager, MCO
(proxy Name)

Others Present: Emma Simmons, IA DOT;

Staff Present:

Chandra Ravada **Sarah Berning** **Dan Fox** **Stacie Scott** **Gail Kuhl**

*Non-Voting Member

**Voting member by Proxy

***Attendance by phone

Call to Order

The Jackson County TAG meeting was called to order by Lynn Bopes. Introductions were made at this time.

Agency Updates

Maquoketa Farmers Market

Strait stated the farmers market is up and running. The parking lot was redesigned to accommodate the RTA buses to make for an easier drop off and pick up. Strait was unsure of the ridership as the farmers market just got under way.

Jackson County Regional Health Center

Schoenthaler updated the board on the new hires for Jackson County Regional Health Center. Patrick Peters was hired as the new administrator; Jay Jackson was hired as the new chief nursing officer; and Kolin Huth was hired as the new chief financial officer. Schoenthaler also stated the regional health center is seeking satellite clinics to be located at the JCRHC ongoing.

Grant Updates

Aims Grant

Ravada informed the members most of the issues have been resolved and the finish line is getting closer. A few items are still getting ironed out; the automated online scheduling module is not running yet, and the portal for the human service agencies to schedule their rides is currently not working. Both of these items are being addressed and hopefully will be up and running soon.

DRA Grant update

Ravada stated the RTA has applied for a DRA grant addressing three main issues within the RTA region. The first program RTA would like to implement with this grant is a vanpool program. This program will help the RTA meet the community needs and help with job retention within the region. The second program is to collaborate with human service agencies to help them with scheduling and dispatching needs. The third program RTA is seeking funding for is to partner with cities within the RTA region to address the needs of their community's transportation needs.

Update on summer rides

Kuhle updated the members on summer rides are RTA is providing. The RTA is providing rides for the Jackson County Farmers Market, YMCA events, Little Shepherds daycare for events for the kids, and the Senior center trips. Kuhle requested if any other members know of transportation needs to let the RTA know and they will get clients scheduled.

Update on Farmers Market Transportation

Farmers Market is up and running. Strait stated the only challenge he has is informing the public of the free rides to the farmers market. Kuhle suggested Strait to send her the flyer he has created and she will post at the RTA and on the buses.

Update on RTA FY 2023 Rides

Ravada informed the members this FY we have 44,988 general public rides, 1,902 senior rides and 4,845 disabled rides. Ravada stated these rides are a little down from last year but are increasing due to the start of summer. Ravada thanked the members for input on needs within the community as this helps the RTA meet the needs of the community.

Other Topics for Discussion

None at this time.

Adjournment

Bopes adjourned the meeting at 11:28 am.