

# Meeting Minutes

## Jackson Transit Action Group (TAG)

**Date:** Thursday, September 5, 2024  
**Time:** 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
**Place:** ECIA Zoom Meeting

### TAG Members Present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Ronelle Clark (Chair)</b><br><i>Outreach Coord., HACAP<br/>(proxy Name)</i>                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Angela Martensen (VC)</b><br><i>Comm. Integration Supv., ITP<br/>(Carolyn Schaefer**)<br/>(Danielle Kopf**)</i>                   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chris Fee</b><br><i>Superintendent, Easton Valley<br/>CSD/Mayor of Andre<br/>(proxy Name)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Kelly Brown</b><br><i>JCEA.</i>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Deb Courter</b><br><i>Case Mngr, Dpt. Human Services<br/>(proxy Name)</i>                  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Lynn Bopes</b><br><i>Coord. DS, EI MHDS Region<br/>(Proxy Name)</i>  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Michelle Huseman</b><br><i>Housing Specialist, EIRHA<br/>(Caitlin Siemionko**)</i>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Don Schwenker</b><br><i>RTA Board Member,<br/>Jackson County Board of<br/>Supervisors<br/>(proxy Name)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sally Davies</b><br><i>Comm. Relations Coord.,<br/>Clover Ridge Place<br/>(proxy Name)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Ted Strait</b><br><i>Manager, Maquoketa Farmers<br/>Market/Gen Pub<br/>(proxy Name)</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Tom Meyer</b><br><i>Superintendent, Bellevue CSD<br/>(proxy Name)</i>                         | <input type="checkbox"/><br><i>Superintendent,<br/>Maquoketa CSD<br/>(proxy Name)</i>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Name (Vacant)</b><br><i>Dialysis, Grand River Medical<br/>(proxy Name)</i>                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Jean Hayes**</b><br><i>Chief Nursing Officer, Jackson<br/>County Regional Health Center<br/>(Pam Schoenthaler/Ashley Jones**)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Name (Vacant)</b><br><i>Case Manager, MCO<br/>(proxy Name)</i>                                |   |

### Others Present:

#### Staff Present:

- Chandra Ravada     Dan Fox     Stacie Scott     Gail Kuhle     Jack Studier

\*Non-Voting Member

\*\*Voting member by Proxy

\*\*\*Attendance by phone

## **Call to Order**

The Jackson County TAG meeting was called to order by Gail Kuhle, Carolyn Schaffer joined at 11:10 am. Introductions were made at this time.

## **Agency Updates**

### **Farmer's Market**

Ted Strait said the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Farmer's Market will be started and has been well attended. Kuhle noted that several residents have been using the RTA services to attend the Farmer's Market

### **Timber City Adventures**

Schwenker noted Timber City Adventures had a very successful event with approximately 117 participants in the canoe/bike and 5k run on June 29, 2024. Schwenker said the RTA did a great job of helping with transportation riders to the next station. Next year the event is scheduled for June 28, 2025.

Schwenker stated that on September 21, the Jackson County Jail will be holding a grand opening.

### **Imagine the Possibilities update**

Schaffer gave updates to the board on the recent closing of several homes in certain areas.

## **Grant Updates**

Kuhle said the RTA was notified in May that they were awarded the United Way to continue the Ride to Wellness program. Studier explained that the RTA was not awarded any funding from their application to Community Foundation, DRA, McDonough Foundation and Cottingham and Bulter grants.

## **Summer Transportation needs**

Kuhle noted the RTA has seen a rise in requests for summer rides through the Maquoketa and Bellevue Center and the Little Shepherds Daycare center. The destination for rides included the Maquoketa YMCA, Dubuque Arboretum, Frank Lloyd Wright home in St Donatus, a ride on the Celebration Bell and many other locations.

Kuhle noted Stacie Scott had attended the Back-to-School event at the Voy 61 Drive In.

## **Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP)**

Dan Fox gave a brief update of PTP and the involvement of the Delaware Tag Committee. He explained the PTP is a document required by the Iowa DOT and identifies priorities and strategies to meet identified needs in the region that can lead to projects. The Tag committee will be consulted in the development and review of the plan. The goal of the plan is to improve transportation service, increase passenger awareness and coordination, develop new working partnerships and future passenger transportation investments. The Draft PTP plan will be due February 1, 2025, with a final plan due May 1, 2025.

Jack Studier followed up the discussion by presenting the survey RTA staff will be distributing to all TAG members asking for members' input to identify new objectives and strategies for the future.

Fox noted the PTP, and survey will be sent to all TAG members within the next few weeks. Fox explained that the results of the survey will be presented at the work session at the All-County Tag meeting on December 4, 2024.

Discussion followed.

## **Adjournment**

Schaffer adjourned the meeting at 11:33 am.