



Effingham County Board
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October 11, 2023 1:30 P.M.
Transportation Committee Meeting
MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Norbert Soltwedel, Chair; Jeremy Deters
Committee Member Absent: Elizabeth Huston
Other Board Members Present: Joshua Douthit
Others Present: Peter Niccum (CSS), Phil Toops, Beth Beck-Marts (CEFS)

Minutes

- Minutes from September 13, 2023 were approved. J. Deters motioned/J. Douthit seconded. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*

Unfinished Business

- Effingham County Public Transportation (ECPT)
 - IDOT Compliance Review Update – B. Beck-Marts reported report not complete.
 - Rebuild Capital Grant – B. Beck-Marts reported grant available for signature soon.
 - ARISE Grant Update – B. Beck-Marts reported grant complete in December, and plans for medical coordinator to remain. B. Beck-Marts reported 42 trips coordinated with 21 out of county and 126 Medicaid/MCO paid. B. Beck-Marts anticipates contract with MTM will assist in continuing ARISE current services. B. Beck-Marts reported ARISE sponsored dental day had 4 participants.
 - Deviated Route Update – B. Beck-Marts reported route down 31 units from last month at a total of 160 units. B. Beck-Marts shared 8-10am is lowest utilization timeframe with TA Truck Stop and Save-a-Lot lowest performing stops and not many deviations. B. Beck-Marts shared idea for southern route being a “shuttle” to deliver riders to E-TRAX since a shuttle isn’t bound by time constraints. N. Soltwedel inquired on funding with donations. B. Beck-Marts shared can accept private donations from for-profit for next fiscal year. Discussion regarding inclement weather affecting route.
 - Rebuild Round 3 Grant (Maintenance Facility) – No update

New Business

General Information/Public Comments

- CSS Vehicles Update – P. Niccum reported on mileage since receipt of vehicles stating vans are used often with confidence clients will get delivered safely and on time. P. Niccum also reported vans are quiet and fuel efficient.
- Replacement for Phil Toops as PCOM – N. Soltwedel shared Kelly Lockhart to begin as PCOM November 1, 2023.
- B. Beck-Marts shared her attendance at IPTA conference September 12-14th and felt it was beneficial.

- Consolidated Vehicle Procurement Grant – B. Beck-Marts reported will be provided number of vehicles awarded end of year, however delivery date is unknown
- N. Soltwedel inquired on county contribution to E-TRAX. B. Beck-Marts recommended free rides for seniors and veterans since payment has been discouraging for seniors. Discussion on methods and funding ideas of county contribution.
- N. Soltwedel inquired on ride requests to food pantry. B. Beck-Marts stated dispatch has received no requests.
- Discussion on necessity of Transportation Committee
- J. Douthit shared Senator Rose, Director Kelly, and IDOT secretary conversation regarding I-70. With construction season is slowing and with beginning of more intensive planning for next year including local planning sessions. J. Douthit shared funding reimbursement will be provided for local side roads in counties affected.
- B. Beck-Marts shared John Althoff was on standby as representative of CEFS during anhydrous incident and worked with EMA for necessary emergency services.

Closed Session

Adjournment

- J. Deters motioned and J. Douthit seconded. Unanimous. *Motion Carried.*

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Thompson, County Board Administrator