Regional Transportation Coordinating Council Meeting #3
Headwaters Regional Development Commission
403 4th St. NW #310 Bemidji, MN 56601
November 14th, 2019 10:00am

I. Welcome & Introductions

Attendance: Tom Gottfried, Sue Semers, Jamie Halverson, Ernie Robinson, Gail Leveson, Joel Anastatsio, Emily Tribby, Bryan McCoy, Megan Countryman, Joe Avery, Ann Lindseth, Terry Darco, Cathryn Johnson, Wendy Jourdin.

II. Overview of RTCC & Past Activities

- Bryan made and presented a guidebook.
- Idea brought up to combine with BUSH for guide and resources
- There are three RTCCs in the planning phase
  - Issues with requesting funds

III. Officer Nominations

- Chair- Gail Leveson
- Co-Chair Needed
- Secretary needed

IV. Volunteer Driver Recruitment Ideas

- Discussion on ways to get volunteer drivers
  - Paid or not paid?
  - Mass Recruitment within each agency?
    - Reach out to each agency for requirements, then recruit?
    - Each agency come and pitch, then the potential volunteers pick?
  - BSU Community credit?
  - Other Colleges?
  - Are there church groups interested?
- How to coordinate volunteer drivers- Being worked on
  - Bank list of drivers that has what they are available?
  - Eventually have one Number to call to find a driver
  - List of people who need rides and who give rides
• Pilot Project?
  o Smaller Van
  o Cover Wages for the test time
• Work with transit agency for Vehicles and umbrella insurance
• There are Census workers that are interested but do not have transportation available
  o County vehicles to use?
  o Insurance
  o Liability
• Walmart Rides
  o Would Walmart fund some of the costs?
• Possibility of helping potential drivers and families to get their drivers license
  o They want to get their license but have no vehicle to take the test
  o Help to get them on their feet
  o Possibility of them using a vehicle in exchange for so many volunteer driving hours?
  o Researching Licensing Promotion programs to help these people?
• Is there any place that would make car donations for the volunteer driving programs and families?
  o Keeping the cars donated in a bank to have for use and not give away
  o Places to look at
    ▪ Impound lots
    ▪ Old county/state vehicles
    ▪ Grants
• Circles of support
  o Classes or information sessions on how to keep up general maintenance on vehicles
    ▪ Pay per class
  o Partner with NTC for car maintenance (automotive program)
• Tom Gottfried suggests to Focus more on finding people who will drive.
  o Suggestions made to work on splitting up all the projects, so they are not all being worked on at once.

V. Future Funding Sources

• Local Shares
• Status Quo Budget
• Phase 3- July 1st 2020
• Raise Funding in communities
• Budget for 2019- $120,000
• Fair to ask each County for the same amount?
• Can match be in kind?
- Not eligible now, but in discussion

- Ask each County for $2000 (BUSH)
  - Who benefits?
  - Use as match?

Vi. January Meeting date January 16th 2020 10:00am

- Should meetings be the 3rd Thursday of every other month? (10am-12pm)
- Should Committee meetings be held on the off months?
- Ernie requests that the minutes be forwarded on to him so he does not have attend every meeting.