

Johnson County Paratransit Advisory Committee

Minutes

February 2, 2022

Present:

Members: Doug Thompson, Jerri MacConell, Vicky Robrock, Jon Green,

Ex-Officio: Marc Rahe, Roger Goedken, Ron Schieffer

Others: Tom Brase, SEATS Director, Angie Conard, Kelly Schneider, Brock Grenis, Frank Waisath, Laura Bergus, Anne Crotty, Susan Bethel, Patty Bahr

Absent:

Members: Maszahir Salih,

Ex-Officio: Ann Trotter

Others:

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1. Call to order: 1:00
 2. Open Discussion: None.
 3. Chairperson's Report:
 - a. Introductions:
 4. Director's Report:
 - a. Need to get Survey out this year (see attached copy): Send any comments or suggestions to Tom. Iowa City Transit will send out with renewals and Ron Schieffer will take a copy to have members fill out. Survey was approved by Jon Green and 2nd by Jerri MacConnell
 - b. The Board of Supervisors into ARPA funding for increasing SEATS hours and day of SEATS Demand Response service, including expanded service to North Liberty. This would include an electric vehicle and two drivers designated to this service. 3 year pilot 7-5 Monday through Friday rural Johnson County. We would like to charge five dollars a trip for same day service which is considered a premium service. What are your thoughts?: Rural trip cost and average of \$63/trip, ARPA and ECICOG will cover the remainder of the cost. Kelly would like to see a higher amount charged for longer distances. Tom has taken this to the Board of Supervisors and they would like to keep the price at \$2/trip. There are no same day rides for rural riders at this time.
 - c. We would like to review the SEATS policy for Carry-on Items. Would it be okay to adjust it? Please see attached old policy and draft policy: Would like to change the policy so that drivers do not carry bags anymore. The Board of Supervisors would like Tom to contact Adam (risk manager) to discuss this.
 - d. The last update I heard on Sunday service was that it is to begin this summer if staffing needs are met: Goal is still summer, dependent on staffing issues.
 - e. SEATS ridership is around 300 trips each weekday and a little over 50 each Saturday: Was over 300 but last Covid variant pulled number down again. SEASTS went from 55 drivers to 30 when Covid hit. There are currently 28 full time drivers. It was asked how many eligible riders SEATS has but that number was not available at the time.
 - f. We are working to get RM pay working by later this summer. It will allow riders to set up an account to pre-pay for trips which help us with cutting back on the office billing. Still figuring out how it will work best for the riders and SEATS: SEATS does not want to go back to punch cards. RM Pay would work along with the current billing system.
 - g. According to Transportation Safety Administration passengers are to wear masks while riding until at least March 18, 2022. Unless there is something that would prevent to be able to do so:
 - h. Taking applications for Advisory Committee members: Must be a SEATS rider
 5. Updates from those in attendance at the Advisory Committee meeting: None
 6. Approval of last meeting's: Approved by Jerri, 2nd by Jon
 7. Next meeting: May 24 at 1:00 p.m. Johnson County Administration Building

Adjourn 1:38