



BENTON COUNTY
SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
October 14, 2019

Present

Mary Marsh-King, Chair
Tim Bates, Vice-Chair
Steven Harder
Axel Deininger (remote)
Dave Zaback
Andrew Foster
Steven Black
Rocio Munoz (ex-officio)

Staff

Cathy Williams, STF Assistant
Lisa Scherf, Transportation Services Supv.
Debie Wyne, Administrative Services Mgr.
Gary Stockhoff, Public Works Director

1. Introductions

Chair Mary Marsh-King called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM. She noted that member Axel Deininger was present via speakerphone. Ms. Marsh-King asked attendees to introduce themselves.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

The Committee reviewed the June 25th, 2019, minutes. Steven Harder moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Dave Zaback seconded the motion and all approved.

3. Old Business

Lisa Scherf provided updates as follows:

- a) Update on STF/5310/5311 Grants - The first quarterly payment from grant monies has been received.
- b) Update on Provider Contracts - Sub-recipient grant agreements were distributed (most were signed and returned) so quarterly payments can be disbursed to Providers.
- c) Update on STIF Plan/Projects - The Oregon Transportation Commission has approved the STIF Plan, which is essentially a list of projects. ODOT will send quarterly payments based on actual collections from the Statewide Transit Tax, and Benton County, as the Qualified Entity will disburse funds to Public Transportation Service Providers based on their approved projects in the STIF Plan.

4. New Business

a) New Special and Rural Transportation Coordinator – Ms. Scherf was pleased to report that Brad Dillingham has begun his position (previously Lee Lazaro’s position) but was unable to attend this meeting. She will introduce Mr. Dillingham at the next meeting.

b) STF/STIF Consolidation – Ms. Scherf informed the Committee that the Oregon Legislature asked ODOT to examine scenarios for combining STF and STIF revenue sources. ODOT formed a Consolidation Advisory Committee to do this work and Ms. Scherf is a member of the committee. A

possible outcome of the work is the eventual consolidation of the Benton County STF and STIF Committees in the future.

5. Information Sharing

Chair Marsh-King informed the Committee that the RideLine Brokerage Committee needs a Representative. They meet in the first month each quarter, on the first Thursday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in Albany, if anyone is interested.

Rocio Munoz reported that she is working with Garfield Elementary families with immigrants in the community seeking asylum. She thanked Dial-a-Bus for partnering with them to assist families.

Vice-Chair Bates shared information that funding has been received for a new Philomath Connection bus. He also noted that the new apartment complexes in Philomath are open and largely populated by students, which has increased the need for this service. Vice-Chair Bates also announced that Corvallis Transit System began its STIF-funded service expansion on September 8th, 2019.

Steven Harder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 PM. Andrew Foster seconded the motion and all approved.

NEXT MEETING: *November meeting was cancelled.*