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**The Ride Improvement Project (TRIP) of  
Columbia County Transportation Coordination Advisory Council**

**MINUTES  
Tuesday, October 18, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of The Ride Improvement Project (TRIP) of Columbia County Transportation Council was called to order by Chair Brad Cook at 2:01 p.m.

**ROLL**

An attendance sheet was distributed by Sandy Kinder.

**TRIP MEMBERS PRESENT:** County Board Chair Brad Cook; Sarah Lochner, Ruby Transportation; Jerry Thompson; Dorie Quist, Kendra Corning; Diana O'Neill; ADRC Transportation Coordinator Maddie Gilbertson; ADRC Director Sue Lynch; ADRC Assistant Director Brianne Williams.

**TRIP MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Nick Musson, GWAAR; Sandy Kinder, ADRC; Jesica Walter, Accounting; Shamus O'Reilly

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 18, 2022 AGENDA OF THE TRIP COUNCIL.**

Motion by Diana O'Neill, second by Dorie Quist. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 18, 2022 MINUTES OF THE TRIP COUNCIL.**

Motion by Diana O'Neill, second by Jerry Thompson. Motion carried.

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### **GWAAR TRANSPORTATION CONSULTANT**

Nick Musson provided information on the various funding grants available. The 85.21 grant is a state grant that helps with operational costs. The 5310 grant is a federal grant primarily used for capital purchases. He noted that due to budgets, not all grant requests are awarded. He encouraged us to keep applying, make notes if disposing of a vehicle, submit letters of recommendation from local officials, and to include any additional information beyond the required to further support the reason for a grant to be awarded.

### **85.21 GRANT APPLICATION**

Director Lynch discussed that the 2023 85.21 application is due around December 16, 2022. A public hearing is being held on November 2, 2022 at the Health and Human Services Board meeting. This grant helps with the operational expenses of the transportation program and is tied to goals outlined during the 2019-2023 Coordinated Transportation Plan submitted to the state. A van in the fleet that was awarded through the 5310 grant process, which currently has 170,000 miles, is in need of a new engine estimated to cost \$6,000; the ADRC is working through the DOT for the disposal process. Director Lynch summarized that the ADRC received a van in the spring of 2021 from the 2019 5310 grant award. The ADRC has not yet received the vans awarded during the 2021 and 2022 5310 grant process. Current budgetary constraints may result in the inability to accept these vans once they become available.

### **5 - YEAR COORDINATED PLAN DISCUSSION**

Director Lynch discussed the goal (#4 on the plan) of providing social transportation options. To define social- it will look more like trips to the grocery store, haircuts, etc. This is being worked on to provide options to elderly and disabled people. Also, briefly mentioned was the goal (#2 on the plan) of increasing after-hours and weekend wheelchair transportation options. Director Lynch does not think the ADRC will be able to solve this alone due to not having staff at the office during those times. More can be discussed at the next meeting.

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### **NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER NOMINATION**

Two members of the committee have resigned from their positions: Phil Brooks and Donna Hill. The TRIP Council appreciates their service to this committee.

MOTION: TO TABLE THE NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS WHILE THE COUNTY BOARD LOOKS INTO HOW PEOPLE ARE ADDED TO COMMITTEES.

Motion by Jerry Thompson, second by Dorie Quist. Motion carried.

### **SET NEXT YEAR'S MEETING DATES AND TIME**

MOTION FOR MEETINGS TO CONTINUE WITH PRIOR SCHEDULE OF THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, QUARTERLY AT 2:00 P.M.

Motion by Jerry Thompson, second by Dorie Quist. Motion carried.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The 2023 Quarterly Meeting dates will be:

- Tuesday, January 17, 2023
- Tuesday, April 18, 2023
- Tuesday, July 18, 2023
- Tuesday, October 17, 2023

The next meeting of the TRIP Council will be Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the HHS Building.



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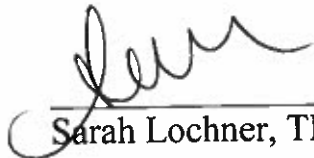
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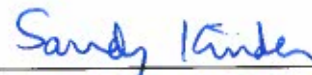
**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 3:23 P.M.**

Motion by Jerry Thompson, second by Sarah Lochner. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Sarah Lochner, TRIP Council  
Secretary

  
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Sandy Kinder, Columbia County  
ADRC

cc: County Board Chair Chris Polzer  
County Board 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Denise Brusveen  
County Board 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Matthew Rohrbeck