

**MINUTES**  
**NORTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, April 11, 2023**  
**Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission Hosted Virtual Meeting**

MEETING ATTENDEES: Kathy Groeschel (ADRC of Calumet County)  
Libby (Elisabeth) Stockton (ADVOCAP)  
Jeff Agee-Aguayo and Heena Bhatt (Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission)  
Lisa Conard, Ker Vang and Casey Krasselt (Brown County Planning Commission)  
Pam Busch (Door County)  
Adam BellCorelli and Brenna Root (East Central WI Regional Planning Commission)  
Valerie Hoff (Enterprise Holdings)  
Meri Tawawili (Forward Service Corp.)  
Andrea Vlach and Essie Fels (Green Bay Metro)  
Corinne Konkol (Kewaunee County Human Services)  
Samantha Franda (Northeast Wisconsin CAP)  
Sandy Popp (Options for Independent Living)  
Steve Tomasik (Oshkosh GO Transit)  
Rhonda Hannemann (United Way of the Fox Cities)  
Sarah Schneider (Valley Transit)

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Christel Giesen (ADRC of Brown County)  
Kim Novak (ADRC of the Lakeshore)  
Liz Schumacher (ADRC of Sheboygan County)  
Bobbi Craig-Hegna (Center for Independent Living)  
Nick Musson (GWAAR)  
Amy Erickson (Valley Transit)

**1. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions**

Jeff Agee-Aguayo called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

**2. Agenda Review, Repair and Approval**

**Moved** by Ker Vang, seconded by Adam BellCorelli, carried without amendments.

**3. Review and Approval of January 10, 2023, NEWRATC Meeting Minutes**

**Moved** by Lisa Conard, seconded by Heena Bhatt, carried without amendments.

**4. Public Input – None**

**5. Election of Officers – Two-year term begins with the July 2023 meeting through April 2025 meeting.**

Chair – Steve Tomasik nominated Adam BellCorelli, Adam accepted. Lisa Conard made a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Adam BellCorelli as Chair, seconded by Steve Tomasik, carried.  
Vice Chair – After several declines due to workloads, Steve Tomasik accepted Adam BellCorelli’s nomination. Adam BellCorelli made a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Steve Tomasik as Vice Chair, seconded by Lisa Conard, carried.

Secretary – Pam Busch stated that she has been in this role for quite some time and would like someone else to take this on. However, there was not anyone present at the meeting who was able to do this. Pam offered to continue as Secretary through the July meeting when this will be on the agenda again. Lisa Conard motioned that Pam Busch hold on to the Secretary position until the July meeting, seconded by Heena Bhatt, carried.

**6. State and Federal Legislative Update (All)**

Jeff Agee-Aguayo shared information about the Public Hearings for the state budget that Nick Musson shared via email. Per discussion, Pam Busch forwarded Nick's email to the full membership.

**7. Update on Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (All)**

Lisa Conard shared that pre-COVID, NEMT ridership was 9,500 - 10,000 trips per month in Brown County. However, in recent months, NEMT rides have risen to 12,000 per month for Brown County.

**8. Committee Member/Program Updates (All)**

Adam BellCorelli with East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission shared that the Safe Streets for All grant application is available now. Adam also shared that he is working on Title VI Plan updates and that the Waupaca Catch A Ride program provided over 500 rides in its first year of service.

Steve Tomasik shared some of Go Transit's ridership stats. Senior ridership continues to be down, and employment transportation is up. Route 10 ended on April 1<sup>st</sup>, which had an average of 15 rides per day. In place of this route, a micro-transit system is set up using cabs. The new service is already averaging more than nine rides per day. Steve stated that East Central Wisconsin RPC was working on their Transit Development Plan (TDP) at this time.

Valerie Hoff, Enterprise Holdings, continues to provide employment van pools. A couple of the temporary projects ended recently.

Meri Tawawili, Forward Service Corporation, shared that she operates a 17-county vehicle purchase and repair program. So far this year, she has received 156 applications with 14 of them being approved (four in Shawano County, four in Sheboygan County, five in Brown County, and one in Winnebago County).

Brenna Root, East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, shared that she is working with SRF Consulting and Valley Transit on a research project in addition to assisting Adam BellCorelli with updates to their Public Participation Plan.

Samantha Franda, NEWCAP, shared that their vehicle loan program has spent over \$66,000 so far this year to help people purchase vehicles for work. There has been a decline in the repair program.

Corinne Konkol, Kewaunee County, shared that they continue to see an increase in ridership. Kewaunee County is hoping to receive its Section 5310 vehicle this summer. There will be volunteer driver training in June.

Pam Busch, Door County, shared that ridership continues to grow, and discussed rider demographics, including younger riders and more employment trips.

Rhonda Hannemann, United Way of the Fox Cities, shared that they still have travel vouchers and are still interested in helping with transportation projects.

Ker Vang shared that Brown County's Section 85.21 Trust Fund is a little over the \$80,000 limit. He will be sending out solicitations in a few months for projects to fund. Ker is also working with Casey Krasselt on a bus stop study, and will hold a public hearing in May.

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Essie Fels, Green Bay Metro, shared that the Transit Commission adjusted service hours in March. A reduced fare promotion began on April 1<sup>st</sup> and will end on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Green Bay Metro is working on preparing for its FTA Triennial Review at this time.

Heena Bhatt, Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission, shared that she will be contacting many of the NEWRATC members for input on a regional project on transportation and public health options that she is working on. She is also working on Sheboygan County's transportation planning/feasibility study.

Jeff Agee-Aguayo, Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission, shared that the public hearing on the *Year 2050 Sheboygan Area Transportation Plan (SATP)* is tomorrow (April 12), with approval of the plan anticipated next week. Jeff is also working on Title VI and Public Transit - Human Service Transportation Coordination Plans. The transportation coordination meeting for Florence County is scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup> in Florence, while the combined meeting for Marinette and Oconto Counties is scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**9. Other (All)** – Adam BellCorelli asked that members contact him to have items added/changed on the NEWRATC website. Jeff Agee-Aguayo shared that he will be retiring in June. Therefore, another NEWRATC member will need to host the virtual meeting beginning in July and thereafter.

**10. Next Meeting –July 11, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., East Central Regional Planning Commission** (in-person & virtual)

**11. Adjournment**

**Moved** by Lisa Conard, seconded by Sandy Popp, motion carried. Adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted, Pam Busch, Secretary*