



Minutes for the RCC Meeting JUNE 15, 2022.

The RCC Chairperson, Valerie Shaw, called the meeting to order at 9:02am. The meeting was held in person at the Senior Services of Belmont County (SSOBC) offices in St. Clairsville, Ohio and available virtually. There were twenty-one in attendance, seventeen in person and four on the virtual platform.

Madam Chairperson reviewed the zoom meeting code of conduct and the meeting agenda and welcomed members and guest speakers. Ms. Hill called the roll and acknowledged the virtual participants.

Madam Chairperson reviewed the minutes from the last RCC meeting on March 23, 2022. Minutes were sent to all members prior to the meeting for their review. There were no corrections or additions. Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Shannon Hursey; seconded by Mike McBride. Motion carried.

Mike McBride provided our first "Local Spotlight" segment highlighting both Belmont County and the services provided by SSOBC:

Belmont county was created on September 7, 1801, and organized on November 7, 1801. It takes its name from the French for "beautiful mountain". Belmont County covers an area of 532 square miles and, as of the 2020 United States Census, the population was 66,497, a dramatic reduction from the 70,400 residents in 2010. Its county seat is St. Clairsville, and it is part of the Wheeling, West Virginia metropolitan area. The median value of a home in Belmont County is \$110,800 and the median household income is \$51,574 with the per capita income at \$27,393

Senior Centers of Belmont County (SSOBC)

SSOBC provides Home Delivered Meals, NEMT and Personal Care/Home Maintenance services along with congregate meal sites, to residents 60 years and older. We are funded in the most part through property tax levies. Our levies have always passed with 70% + support. Belmont County began to provide services to their senior population in 1976 through contracts with non-profit providers and operated as such until 2011 when we became a county agency after being absorbed by BCDJFS. In 2013, after deterioration of service and public outcry, SSOBC once again became a stand-alone agency and has operated efficiently and effectively since then. **In 2021 SSOBC provided 277,631 home delivered meals, 9800 congregate meals, 11908 units of NEMT, 7173 units of Non-Medical Transportation and units of PC/HM. We currently operate a fleet of 55 vehicles and staff 10 senior centers throughout the county.** We contract our PC/HM services with several local providers.

Deborah Hill then presented the Steering Committee report. The Steering Committee created, discussed, and then on May 18, 2022, approved by unanimous vote 64 action steps to accomplish the 3 goals and 19 strategies listed in the regional coordinated plan. The action steps along with the corresponding goals and strategies were sent to all members prior to the meeting for review and comment. There were no additions or corrections. Madam Chairperson called for a vote to accept and adopt the action steps to be added to the regional coordinated plan. Motion was made by Kevin Davis and seconded by Tracy Haines. Motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting topic for this meeting was “Everything EV” and Madam Chairperson then introduced the first of four guest speakers.

Brian Peterson, of GPD Group, an AEP approved solution provider, gave a presentation describing the types of charging stations and some methodology to consider when developing and installing a charging site.

Brandon Jones, with Clean Fuels Ohio and the Drive Clean Rural USA program presented the national and local state of affairs as it relates to EV adoption and monies for infrastructure development statewide.

Lisa Leckrone and Mendra Hupp from Region 8 discussed the launching of the “Zero Loop” which has it’s grand opening this week and eventually they hope EV vehicles will provide the transportation on this new loop. Their goal is for this new loop (deviated fixed route) to be zero emission and zero cost to ride. They also briefly talked about the Region 8 Mobility Solution Center.

The slide presentations from all presenters may be found along with the meeting slides on the OMEGA website.

The calendar for the rest of 2022 was then addressed. The third quarter September meeting will be hosted by Coshocton County Coordinated Transportation Agency in Coshocton County at the Roscoe Village Community Room with lunch afterward at the Warehouse Steak and Stein also in Roscoe Village. The meeting topic will be “everything insurance”. The final meeting in November will be hosted in Tuscarawas County by the Tuscarawas Senior Center with lunch arrangements TBD. The meeting topic will be Veteran’s Services and the United Way.

Madam Chairperson called for the “Good of the Region” Announcements which included:

- * ODOT will be moving to a two -year application process beginning in CY 2023.
- * ODOT funding awards will be announced in early July, 2022.
- * Invitation was made for everyone to join us at Mehlman’s Cafeteria after the meeting.

There were no further announcements. Motion to adjourn was made by Cheri Wetzel, with a second by Mike McBride, and Madam Chairperson called the meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.