

**River Area Council of Governments**  
**September 27, 2023**

**Members present:** Y. Boliver, J. Jones, P. Smith, S. Storms  
T. Widrick, and J. Zando

**Others:** M. Dietrich and K. Malinow

Vice-Chair J. Zando called the meeting to order at 6:00pm at the T/Champion Municipal Building.

**Presentations**

Marty Miller, V/Massena DPW Superintendent, presented information regarding providing in-house CDL training to new employees. Working through FMCSA, Mr. Miller received his CDL trainer approval and provided the required classroom and driving training. He was able to provide the training at no cost to the employee or the village. Locally, the cost for the CDL training class is \$9,500. He also discussed an online course for the classroom training that may be completed at the employees convenience. Test results are emailed to the trainer of record for filing. The cost of the online course is \$250.00.

T. Widrick questioned if there are liability concerns. M. Miller responded that there were no changes needed for insurance coverage. P. Smith asked about reporting driving hours. M. Miller stated that whoever is riding with the permitted employee reports the progress or lack of to the trainer of record.

J. Harvill presented the draft THC Outside Region Policy and invited member comments.

**Circuit Rider Report**

M. Dietrich presented possible venues for the April 25, 2024 Economic Visioning Summit for discussion

The Infrastructure Roundtable workshop is scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup> at Glenfield BOCES. A registration link is available.

Discussions continue with Jefferson Lewis BOCES to provide water/wastewater operator training for interested students.

M. Dietrich distributed the youth survey results gathered from the BOCES USA Skills students last spring.

The RACOG Associate Circuit Rider position is vacant. Interested persons should contact M. Dietrich.

The next RACOG meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2024. The meeting adjourned at 6:56pm.

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