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***Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority  
Governing Board Meeting Minutes  
March 31, 2022***

The Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority met in regular session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 31, 2022, at the City of Goldsboro Anteroom, 214 N. Center Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

**Members in attendance:** Shycole Simpson-Carter, Chair, Berry Gray, Secretary/Treasurer, Hiawatha Jones (via phone), and Steve Wiggins.

**Members absent:** Brent Heath, Vice Chair, Gene Aycock, and Barbara Aycock.

**Others in attendance:** Borden Parker, Don Willis and LaShonda Oliver.

**Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion of Steve Wiggins, and seconded by Hiawatha Jones, the Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of February 24, 2022.

**Director's Report**

The rural program is showing a gain of \$4,620.50 and a loss of \$104,599.65 year to date. Fuel costs for the month continue to be running much higher than prior year, a significant increase for the urban and rural programs. The urban program is showing a loss of \$119.22, and a loss of \$102.78 year to date. The urban funds will remain about balanced throughout most of the year due to the grant reimbursement process.

GWTA received notice from NCDOT regarding the ARPA funding request that approximately 78% of requests received will be funded. For GWTA, this will be about \$626,613. The period of performance for these new pandemic assistance funds is from March 3, 2022 through June 30, 2023. These funds may also be used to assist with covering any operational deficit.

GWTA timely submitted annual budget requests to the City of Goldsboro (due March 7<sup>th</sup>) and Wayne County (due March 25<sup>th</sup>) for FY23 at the continuation levels discussed last meeting.

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***Marketing and Public Relations***

QCA staff were onsite on March 22-24, 2022, conducting our annual customer survey for van and bus riders. Results will be presented at the April Board meeting. QCA is planning to be back in Goldsboro for ride counts in April or May this year. QCA's three-year contract is ending, and there is a potential for two (2) additional individual one-year options that could be offered. The MPO met on March 17<sup>th</sup> and supported the Board recommendation to City Council, that the contract be extended an additional year and the scope amended. The City Council will meet on April 4, 2022, to consider and take action.

***Outreach and Activities***

Don Willis participated in a virtual statewide roundtable discussion with state HHS, Private Health Plans and Brokers on March 9<sup>th</sup> regarding the status of the ongoing transition of Medicaid Transportation in North Carolina. Willis participated in monthly virtual meeting with NCDOT/IMD on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Willis met virtually with state HHS Division of Health Benefits representatives on March 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss concerns with creating a smooth transition from Broker OneCall to new broker MTM. Willis participated in County Manager's training event on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. GWTA participated in WCC Job Fair event on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Willis participated in MPO meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Willis met with vendor from Parker Gas to discuss propane fueling options for vehicles as an alternative to gas. Willis participated in quarterly TAB sponsor agency meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Willis will participate in an FTA "listening session" regarding the impacts of Medicaid transportation transformation on public and community transit providers on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

***Training***

Operators received refresher training on Defensive Driving techniques in March.

**TAB Update and Membership**

The NCDOT requires each grant recipient to appoint a transportation advisory board (TAB) with a minimum of eighteen (18) representatives from diverse backgrounds. Some appointments must come from certain key agencies. Other appointments are more open for the GWTA Board to consider how best to represent our diverse community. The TAB meets quarterly to receive reports from GWTA staff and give feedback on how services are going and areas of interest in the community. Willis will provide the Board with an update on the current By-laws and membership of the TAB. The Board will need to consider the vacant seats and how to fill those seats.

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**Other Business**

Upon motion of Berry Gray, and seconded by Steve Wiggins, the Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of January 27, 2022, Reconvened January 31, 2022, as corrected to identify the appropriate date.

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Submitted by: LaShonda Oliver