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***Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2020***

The Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority met in regular session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 27, 2020, at the City of Goldsboro Anteroom, 214 N. Center Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Members in attendance: Shycole Simpson-Carter, Chairman, Brent Heath, Vice Chairman (via phone), Berry Gray, Secretary/Treasurer, Steve Wiggins, Bob Waller (via Phone), and Ed Cromartie (via phone)

Members absent: Gene Aycock

Others in attendance: Borden Parker, Tim Salmon, Don Willis and LaShonda Oliver

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Steve Wiggins and seconded by Berry Gray, the Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of July 30, 2020.

Director's Report

Financial

The rural program is showing a loss of \$10,255 in July. Due to the pandemic, trip volume remains down significantly compared to prior year, and budgeted revenues have not been realized. The urban program is showing a loss of \$0.51 in July. The urban funds will remain about balanced throughout most of the year due to the grant reimbursement process.

Due to the state budget supplanting CARES funds for ROAP and other state public transportation funds, the FY20-21 ROAP application has not yet been released by the NCDOT. These operating funds are used to buy trips for the elderly, disabled, and rural public riders. The CARES funds may only be used for public transportation eligible trips.

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The NCDOT released the FY21-22 Community Transportation Program (CTP) application call for projects on August 20, 2020. This grant will fund the rural Administrative expenses. In addition, the call for projects includes Capital projects and also additional Rural State Operating (RSO) funds which we have used for the Mount Olive Service and additional rural trip demands. NCDOT and GWTA are projecting one (15) vehicle at useful life to be replaced in this grant cycle.

The FY20-21 FTA grant application to FTA for urban operating, preventive maintenance, and ADA service has also been submitted. The grant has been approved and is in final stages proceeding through the FTA process. GWTA will use CARES funds for operating and capital cost as well as continue to use FTA appropriations that have carried over from previous years for this fiscal year to cover ADA and maintenance costs. This approach reduces the need for matching funds from Goldsboro.

Marketing and Public Relations Update

As part of our new “We Are Your Safe Way” campaign, GWTA has begun distributing to customers, small bottles of hand sanitizer and bandanas along with a reminder card identifying how GWTA is working to keep everyone safe as well as how to keep yourself safe. GWTA was also featured on the “This is Wayne” podcast on Friday August 14, 2020. The Operators of the year will be featured on a future podcast. GWTA is now working with QCA to develop our marketing plan for the year,

Outreach and Activities

GWTA participated with EOC in preparation for Hurricane Isaias on August 3rd and was available for shelter assistance if called. Director participated by teleconference in the NC Public Transportation Association quarterly meeting on August 7th. Willis participated in the County and municipal teleconference on CARES funds on August 10th. Willis participated in the NCDOT COVID teleconference on August 12th. Willis participated in the Wayne CALM teleconference on August 19th. Willis participated in a teleconference meeting with NCDOT Director for IMD regarding Medicaid Transportation on August 20th. Willis participated in Mayor’s Council on Disabilities conference call on August 20th. Willis participated in NCDOT grant call for projects teleconference on August 20th. GWTA has also coordinated with WCC for the safe startup of classes and changed made due to the pandemic.

Training

Operators will receive refresher training on emergency procedures in August.

Medicaid Transportation Broker Contract Proposal

GWTA has begun negotiations directly with OneCall and Logisticare (private brokers) to be the provider of Medicaid transportation services in Wayne County once managed care becomes effective on July 1, 2021. The goal is to have rates and terms agreed by January 2021 in order to assure a smooth transition.

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EDTAP Funds (ROAP) Use for FY21

Last year the Board agreed to a process for allocating any available EDTAP funds to eligible agencies for use to purchase trips from GWTA. While the state did not allocate funds for FY21, they did allow funds unspent due to the pandemic to carry forward for FY21. GWTA has \$47,851.50 available in EDTAP funds to be allocated this fiscal year.

CARES Act Funds

Willis stated that GWTA received an initial CARES Act fund allocation of \$260,994. There is an additional funds allocation of \$548,978 which brings the total available to GWTA of \$809,972. A portion of the funds will be used for FY19-20. The remaining funds will be used in FY20-21.

TAB Appointments

Willis stated that the Transportation Advisory Board is required by NCDOT in order to receive State funding for the rural program. NCDOT has identified several stakeholders that must be represented on the TAB. Willis stated that there are three organizations on the TAB that needs to be filled. Willis recommended Michajah Anderson, Rural Planning Organization (RPO), Amy Smith, Veteran Services, and Brooke Mickelson of Eastpointe, Mental Health Organization.

Upon motion of Bob Waller and seconded by Berry Gray, the Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority unanimously approved the recommendations of Don Willis for the Transportation Advisory Board members.

Other Business

Willis stated that NCDOT has approved the replacement of ten rural vehicles. At this time, NCDOT does not know if they will have the state match for the replacement vehicles. With this in mind, Willis stated that he would like to procure five of the vehicles because the County has committed funds that will cover the local match for at least five vehicles. When NCDOT has the local match funds available, Willis will obtain the remaining five vehicles.

Willis asked the Board to continue the Veteran's Ride Free Program for FY20-21. The program will run the week of November 9-14, 2020.

Upon motion of Bob Waller and seconded by Steve Wiggins, the Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority unanimously approved the Veterans Ride Free program during the week of November 9-14, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Submitted by: LaShonda Oliver