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*Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority
Transportation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2016*

The Transportation Advisory Board of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority met at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 15, 2016, at the City of Goldsboro Anteroom, 214 N. Center Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Members in attendance: Debbie Jones, Chair, Don Magoon, Vice-Chair, Paula Edwards, Rose Wagner, Luis Guzman, Bob Dively, Joe Scott, Charles Ivey, Shycole Simpson-Carter, Joe Scott, and Keith Spivey.

Members absent: Tiffany Creech, Barbara Aycock, John Chance, Edward Cromartie, Tommy Burns, and Brenda Dubose.

Others in attendance: Jennifer C. Baptiste, Fred Fontana, Amy Hartley, and LaShonda Oliver.

Upon motion of Paula Edwards and seconded by Keith Spivey, the Transportation Advisory Board of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority unanimously approved the minutes of June 16, 2016.

Election of Officers

The Transportation Advisory Board of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority unanimously approved Debbie Jones as Chair.

The Transportation Advisory Board of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority unanimously approved Paula Edwards as Vice-Chair.

The Transportation Advisory Board of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority unanimously approved Bob Dively as Secretary/Treasurer.

Director's Report

Financial

For the entire FY2015-16, the rural program is showing a profit of \$233,342. The urban program netted \$10,269 in June. For the entire FY2015-16, the urban program is showing a profit of \$8,898. Both the rural and urban statements are unaudited. Both programs benefited by the cost of fuel being so low.

NCDOT funding for the rural ROAP program has increased for the new fiscal year from \$196,380 to \$216,392. The urban SMAP program will also increase but the amount has not been released yet. The General Assembly approved an additional \$2,000,000 statewide for each program.

A new contract with QCA was awarded by the Goldsboro City Council at their July 18, 2016, meeting for one year with two additional option years. The City will be using the urban transit planning funds.

Ken Weeden and Associates was awarded the DBE contract by the Goldsboro City Council on August 15, 2016. Ken Weeden performed the previous goal setting for GWTA. The new DBE goals are due by September 30, 2016.

A new contract for auditing services was awarded to Nunn, Brashear, and Uzzell by the GWTA Board of Directors at their June 30, 2016, meeting. The contract with Nunn, Brashear, and Uzzell expires with the conclusion of the audit report for the recently completed fiscal year. The new contract will be for the next three fiscal years.

Ridership

Ridership for the rural program during FY2015-16 was 58,083. This is a 12.2% increase over the previous fiscal year. Much of the increase was due to general public ridership decrease in fares which help increase ridership by 81.1% to 5,306 over the prior year. Ridership for the urban program for FY2015-16 was 201,215. This represents a 5.7% decrease from prior year. Urban ridership has decreased across North Carolina and the country due to low gas prices.

Feasibility Study

NCDOT has finalized the contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff to perform the north and south route extension feasibility study. The study will prepare a succession plan when Fred Fontana retires in two years. In addition, the plan will examine the organizational structure of GWTA and whether some functions can be more efficiently provided by either Wayne County or the City of Goldsboro.

NEMT

GWTA has not yet been approved by the NC Division of Medicaid Assistance as a Medicaid provider. The application is complete. GWTA recently completed a required site visit by the firm hired to recommend approval to the DMA. GWTA was told that the site visit was successful and anticipate approval shortly. The start date has been pushed back from August 1, 2016, to the beginning of 2017.

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Employee of the Quarter/Year

For the calendar quarter ending June 30, 2016, the van driver of the quarter is Pam Core and the bus driver of the quarter is Ronnie McClary. Core has been employed by GWTA for over 3 years and McClary has been employed for almost 3 years. They were chosen by a vote of all drivers and the Operations and Assistant Operations Manager. Both will receive \$25.00 gift cards and certificates.

Triennial Review

The Federal Transit Administration on site visit for the triennial review was conducted July 27-28, 2016. There were a few minor deficiencies found. GWTA has until December 2, 2016, to present a corrective action plan. The deficiencies were in regard to language used in our procurements, Title VI postings, and public hearing notices as well as a failure to provide one DBE report.

Outreach

Fontana was a guest on the News Makers program on WGBR radio on July 15, 2016. Fontana presented GWTA information to the Seven Springs Town Council on July 19, 2016. The HR Manager participated in an employee health fair at the O'Berry Hospital July 20, 2016. Fontana was interviewed on Wayne County TV on July 26, 2016.

Training

In August, the Goldsboro Police Department presented information about dealing with an active shooter situation. GWTA will be preparing an emergency procedure policy for all employees.

Other Business

Fontana stated that Bob Dively will be the face of the marketing campaign, "We are GWTA." Dively is a rider and will be on the flyers.

Fontana informed the TAB of the effort to allow Veterans to ride free during the week of Veteran's Day.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Submitted by: LaShonda Oliver