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***Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2021***

The Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority met in regular session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 25, 2021, at the City of Goldsboro Anteroom, 214 N. Center Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Members in attendance: Shycole Simpson-Carter, Chairman, Brent Heath, Vice Chairman, Steve Wiggins, and Freeman Hardison, Jr. (via Phone)

Members absent: Berry Gray, Secretary/Treasurer, Bob Waller and Gene Aycock

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

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Steve Wiggins and seconded by Brent Heath, the Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of January 28, 2021.

Directors Report

Financial

The rural program is showing a loss of \$27,135.00 in January and a loss of \$76,136.80 fiscal year to date. Three pay periods are reflected in this report. Due to the pandemic, trip volume remains down significantly compared to prior year, and budgeted revenues have not been realized. There are CARES act funds allocated to the GWTA which will be sufficient to cover the operating deficit created as a result of the pandemic. The urban program is showing a gain of \$4,841.04 in January and a gain of \$500.00 fiscal year to date. The urban funds will remain about balanced throughout most of the year due to the grant reimbursement process.

Outreach and Activities

Willis participated in statewide virtual meeting with NCDOT on February 3rd. Willis participated in County Managers monthly department head teleconference meeting on February 4, 2021. Willis participated virtually in quarterly NCPTA Board of Directors meeting on February 5th. Director participated in MPO meeting on February 11th.

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Training

Operators will receive refresher training on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

COVID-19 Vaccine and Services Update

GWTA coordinated with the Health Director and with the Goldsboro Housing Authority to provide 50 people with trips to the Bussman Building to be vaccinated on Monday, February 8, 2021. These trips were funded by emergency funds that the NCDOT and NCHHS allocated specifically for this purpose. GWTA continues to coordinate with the community to plan and provide additional trips for vaccinations in the coming weeks. In addition, the opportunity to be vaccinated has been offered to GWTA staff as essential workers. There were eleven GWTA staff that had received the vaccine and another seven plan to receive it.

The Mayor of Fremont, NC has reached out to GWTA to discuss coordinating trips for people to be vaccinated from their town, as may need be.

Willis stated that Councilman Broadway, Tim Salmon, City Manager and Sylvia Barnes, NAACP representative have been in communication about how GWTA may be able to coordinate trips for individuals using the bus route to be vaccinated. In the past, the City produced free ride passes for middle and high school kids to go to the centers during the summer. There is a request to use the remaining passes to the Bussman Building to help individuals get rides to be vaccinated. The passes will be provided to individuals that live in Seymour Homes, Day Court and Jefferson Court apartments.

Medicaid Transportation Update

Willis stated that the NCHHS has worked with the PHPs and private brokers and they will be releasing updated provider manuals for the broker transportation that are more in line with community transportation services than the originally proposed broker provider manuals. There is a new standard contract; however, the rate has not been finalized. The trips will begin on July 1, 2021 with requests to schedule these trips beginning on June 1, 2021. The first year of the manage care program will consist of approximately 15% of passengers on Medicaid.

Other Business

Willis informed the Board that UNC Health Alliance reached out to contract with GWTA for people they serve who are on Medicare. They have received a waiver from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid and NCHHS that will allow them to work directly with transportation companies such as GWTA to offer healthcare trips.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Submitted by: LaShonda Oliver