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***Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2023***

The Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority met for a regular session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at the City of Goldsboro Mayor's Conference Room, 214 N. Center Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Members in attendance: Berry Gray, Chairman; Octavius Murphy, Secretary/Treasurer; Steve Wiggins; and Gregg Batts

Members absent: Hiawatha Jones, Robert Dingess, and Barbara Aycock

Others in attendance: Don Willis; Borden Parker

Call to Order

Chairman Berry Gray called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. And welcomed Board members. There was a roll call to assure a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Gray requested the Board review and approve the minutes provided. A motion was made by Steve Wiggins to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 30, 2023. Octavius Murphy seconded the motion. The Board provided unanimous approval of the minutes.

Director's Report

Director announced that GWTA had been awarded the 2023 Transit System of the Year by the North Carolina Public Transportation Association (NCPTA) at their 40th Anniversary Conference in April. Director also noted that the NCPTA had itself been recently recognized as the national association of the year by the Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA). Chairman Gray produced the award plaque and read the inscription, then passed the award around for Board members to view. Board members expressed appreciation for the efforts of the whole GWTA team in earning this award, and asked that the award be shared with the City and with the County. Also to pass along to the GWTA team their appreciation for this award and recognition for our community.

Financial

Director plans to share proposed FY24 urban and rural budget for Board consideration at the May meeting. After Board feedback and guidance, final urban and rural budget ordinances would be developed for Board consideration and approval in June. The timeline for completing the budget process was discussed, including the need to approve a public hearing to be held, and the potential need for two meetings in June to finalize the process.

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There are escalating costs to GWTA of labor, maintenance, fuel and other items under consideration now. Director noted that the urban budget came within 1% of actual last fiscal year, and that the current fiscal year only saw a 1% increase to the approved budget. It is a very tight budget year for urban bus, and with escalating costs this is why GWTA has requested additional matching funds from Goldsboro.

Director reported that NCDOT Purchasing and Contracts has approved award of contracts for order of vehicles that are eligible under their grant programs. Three vendors were approved. This impacts grants for FY22 and FY23 and the effective term for the contracts will remain open through April 18, 2026. Updated order forms and specifications are expected to become available by end of the April. However, actual delivery of vehicles will cross into the next fiscal year.

Director noted GWTA obtained additional assistance to assist in bringing current administration of billing and financial information.

Marketing and Public Relations

Director reported that QCA will be back in Goldsboro to complete annual ridership counts on May 2,3, and 4, 2023. Ridership counts are an indicator of popular origins and destinations across the fixed route system. This information is used when considering enhancements to amenities such as benches and shelters. More information may be available by the May Board meeting.

Outreach and Activities

Director participated with parking subcommittee for the Mayor's Disability Walk on April 3rd. Director participated in an NCDOT Grant Webinar on April 4th. Director met with City Management to discuss budget request on April 6th. Director met virtually with NCDOT staff on April 12th. Director participated in Quarterly TAB (transportation advisory board) meeting on April 13th. Director presented budget request to Goldsboro City Council on April 17th. Director presented budget request for capital replacement to Wayne County staff on April 17th. Staff attended the NCPTA annual conference in Concord April 17-19, 2023. Director participated in NCPTA Annual Board of Directors meeting in Concord on April 19, 2023. Director participated in Mayor's council on Persons with Disabilities meeting on April 20th. Director participated in Wayne County safety committee meeting on April 26th.

Training

GWTA employees received emergency procedures and fire extinguisher training at the April meeting.

Gregg Batts made motion to adjourn, and Octavius Murphy seconded. Motion passed unanimously and meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Submitted by: Don C. Willis