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***Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
October 31, 2024***

The Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority met for a regular session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2024, at the City of Anteroom, 214 N. Center Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Members in attendance: Berry Gray, Chairman; Hiawatha Jones, Vice Chairman; Jamie Taylor; Brenda Davis and Rob Dingess

Members absent: Octavius Murphy, Secretary/Treasurer and Barbara Aycock

Others in attendance: Don C. Willis, Director

Call to Order

Chairman Berry Gray called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM and welcomed Board members. There was a roll call to assure a quorum was present of appointed Board members.

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Gray asked the Board members to review and approve the proposed agenda. Hiawatha Jones made a motion to approve the agenda as is. The motion was seconded by Brenda Davis and received unanimous approvals.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Gray requested the Board review and approve the minutes provided. Director Willis shared that there had been three corrections for the minutes shared by Borden Parker after the initial minutes had been sent out. The changes were reviewed with the Board. A motion was made by Jamie Taylor to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 26, 2024 with the corrections noted. Rob Dingess seconded the motion. The Board provided unanimous approval of the minutes.

Marketing Plan and Public Relations Update

Director stated that QCA has completed development of the GWTA calendar for 2025, and this will soon go into production. Also, that QCA has produced the new system brochures, maps, schedules and related items which are now being circulated into the service area at key locations. QCA has developed a new "Seymour Says" video which covers the ADA and how the disabled can best access GWTA services. QCA has also developed a series of short videos interviewing riders and employees who discuss the value of the GWTA. Also that GWTA had again celebrated National Disability Employment Awareness Month in October.

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Director's Report

Director stated GWTA remains in a good financial position this fiscal year. NCDOT provided notice of approval of the full requested funding of \$242,196 for the ROAP program for FY25. These funds will initially go to Wayne County and the county will then forward to GWTA. Funds include Elderly and Disabled, Employment, and Rural General Public purposes. GWTA will be ordering replacement vehicles for both rural and urban vehicles over the next several months using available grant and budgeted matching funds.

Director stated that GWTA received notice from NCDOT that the state will do a triennial review to assess the compliance of GWTA across all programmatic areas. Director hosted consultants from RLS and Associates on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 to complete the onsite visit. Pending final formal written correspondence, the preliminary review was very good for GWTA and GWTA will expect minimal to no findings again once the process is complete.

Other Business

For the upcoming holidays, Director recommended again providing "fare free" bus services on the Friday and Saturday (11/29 & 11/30) after Thanksgiving. Also, Director recommends "fare free" services on Monday (12/23) and Christmas Eve (12/24), and on New Year's Eve (12/31). Riders greatly appreciated the fare free services offered over these holidays in the last few years. Board members discussed the timing of the services running fare free and any impacts that this could have on revenues. Hiawatha Jones made motion that the GWTA provide fare free services for the holidays as discussed. Jamie Taylor seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Board members asked how GWTA would provide public services this year for voting. Director stated that GWTA does not prioritize trip purposes and does not plan special services for voting. Trip requests received in advance are put on schedule regardless of purposes. Director also noted that some individuals had already taken advantage of early voting, and in particular several disabled individuals had been able to vote already.

Director shared regarding the GWTA's funds in the North Carolina Capital Management Trust, and the recent meeting with Lee Carter. NCCMT share market projections and expectations for the public fund over the next several quarters.

Training

Director noted that GWTA employees would receive ADA and Wheelchair Securement refresher training at the October meeting.

Chairman Gray asked if there was any further business. Hearing no further business, Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 10:35am.

Submitted by: Don C. Willis