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***Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2022***

The Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority met for a regular session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 25, 2022, at the City of Goldsboro Anteroom, 214 N. Center Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Members in attendance: Shycole Simpson-Carter, Chair, Brent Heath, Vice Chair (via phone), Berry Gray, Secretary/Treasurer, Hiawatha Jones (via phone), and Barbara Aycock (via phone)

Members absent: Steve Wiggins and Gene Aycock

Others in attendance: Matt Livingston, Don Willis, and LaShonda Oliver

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Hiawatha Jones and seconded by Barbara Aycock, the Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of July 28, 2022.

Upon motion of Hiawatha Jones and seconded by Barbara Aycock, the Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority unanimously approved the minutes of the special called meeting of August 4, 2022.

Director's Report

Financial

The rural program is showing a gain of \$24,596.22 in July. The urban program is showing a gain of \$0.14 in July. Fuel costs continue to run extremely high. The urban funds will remain about balanced throughout most of the year due to the grant reimbursement process.

Based upon the state budget, GWTA expects to see the SMAP urban operating assistance and the ROAP rural operating assistance continue at prior year levels. GWTA has planned to receive \$229,908 in ROAP funds and \$196,772 in SMAP funds, which would be consistent with the last level of funding provided by the NCDOT.

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NCDOT released the FY23-24 Community Transportation Program (CTP) applications for projects using their new grants management portal. The grant will fund GWTA's rural Administrative expenses. In addition, the grant will include Capital projects and the Rural State Operating (RSO) fund the will be used for the Mount Olive Service and rural trip demands. The applications will be due by October 7, 2022. The GWTA Board of Directors will be provided the application for review and approval at the September 29, 2022 meeting.

The FY22-23 FTA grant application to FTA for urban operating, preventive maintenance, and ADA service is being submitted. GWTA will use CARES and ARP funds for some operating and capital costs this fiscal year. In addition, GWTA will 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.

Outreach and Activities

Don Willis participated in an "in person" meeting with four PHP's and representatives from the broker ModivCare in Raleigh on August 9th to discuss how to improve our partnership and to advocate again for "first choice provider" status. GWTA participated in a Job Fair at Seymour Johnson AFB on August 9th. Willis participated in a virtual meeting with the PHP Wellcare and their Broker MTM on August 17th. Willis participated in a statewide call with NCDOT/IMD on August 17th.

Training

Operators received refresher training Emergency Procedures and Accident Reporting in August.

Resolution to Order Urban Buses Using COVID Relief Funds

GWTA has two large urban buses which have reached useful life and need to be replaced. In anticipation of this, GWTA was a named participant in an RFP process which was led by PART to identify a vendor for replacement vehicles. Creative Bus Sales was the selected vendor that would be used to procure the vehicles. In addition, GWTA has available FTA CARES Act funds that could be used to fund 100% of the cost for these vehicles. Willis is asking the Board to pass a resolution authorizing these vehicles be ordered and that the available FTA CARES Act funds be used to pay for the vehicles.

Upon motion of Hiawatha Jones and seconded by Berry Gray, the Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority unanimously approved to adopt the resolution authorizing the GWTA Executive Director to purchase two heavy duty replacement buses utilizing the FTA CARES Act fund as stated in the resolution.

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Marketing and Public Relations

GWTA and QCA have been collaborating on several initiatives to enhance marketing and public relations and updating the marketing plan. Willis shared a PowerPoint presentation of animated characters that would be used on the website and other formats to help better educate and inform the public about GWTA and how to use the services.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Submitted by: LaShonda Oliver