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***Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2022***

The Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority met for a called meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 4, 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, Steve Wiggins (via phone), and Hiawatha Jones (via phone)

Members absent: Barbara Aycock and Gene Aycock

Others in attendance: 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 special called meeting of June 6, 2022.

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 June 23, 2022.

Election of Officers

Upon motion of Brent Heath and seconded by Shycole Simpson-Carter, the Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority unanimously approved to appoint Steve Wiggins as the 7th member to the Board.

Upon motion of Hiawatha Jones and seconded by Brent Heath, the Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority unanimously approved to appoint Shycole Simpson-Carter as Chair of the Board.

Upon motion of Shycole Simpson-Carter and seconded by Hiawatha Jones, the Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority unanimously approved to appoint Brent Heath as Vice-Chair of the Board.

Upon motion of Shycole Simpson-Carter and seconded by Steve Wiggins, the Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority unanimously approved to appoint Berry Gray as Secretary/Treasurer of the Board.

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Director's Report

Financial

The rural program is showing a gain of \$540,272.53 in June and a gain of \$468,664.95 year to date. This reflects the rural program drawing down available CARES funds for the year. The urban program is showing a loss of \$8,765.14 in June and a loss of \$112.30 year to date. The urban funds will remain about balanced throughout most of the year due to the grant reimbursement process. There will be final year-end adjustments for both of these budgets.

Based upon the state budget, GWTA expects to see the SMAP urban operating assistance continue at prior year levels, and the rural van service will see the ROAP 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.

Year End Statistics

The annual operating statistics are completed now, and service trends are available for both the urban and rural programs. There were 148,231 trips provided by the urban bus service. The bus service ridership ended up down 8% from prior year ridership due to COVID. The rural program provided 45,438 trips, which was up 20% from prior year ridership. However, the rural ridership for the year is still down about 33% over pre-COVID levels. The lost ridership particularly impacted earned revenues for the year. More information on service trends and the impact of COVID will be provided at the meeting.

Outreach and Activities

Don Willis participated in emergency preparedness dialysis exercise with Davita and County EOC staff on July 12th. Willis participated with City staff and FTA Region 4 for a quarterly status report on use of TGR funds on July 13th. Willis met with representatives from the federal Transportation Safety Administration (TSA) on July 14th to discuss safety training opportunities they offer. Willis met with suspended passenger on July 15th to discuss appeal for reinstatement. Willis participated in virtual quarterly meeting of the NCPTA Board of Directors on July 15th. Willis participated in kickoff Healthy Beginnings Community Advisory Board (CAB) meeting on July 27th. Willis participated in virtual meeting with NCDOT staff on July 28th regarding their ongoing vehicle order issues and how the state plans to address the issues going forward.

Training

Operators received refresher training on First Aid in July.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Submitted by: LaShonda Oliver