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***Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2020***

The Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority met in regular session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2020, at the City of Goldsboro Anteroom, 214 N. Center Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Members in attendance: Shycole Simpson-Carter, Chairman, Gene Aycock, Bob Waller (via Phone)

Members absent: Brent Heath, Vice Chairman, Berry Gray, Secretary/Treasurer, Steve Wiggins, and, Ed Cromartie

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

Director's Report

Financial

The rural program is showing a loss of \$19,309.60 in August and a loss of \$28,519.13 fiscal year to date. Due to the pandemic, trip volume remains down significantly compared to prior year, and budgeted revenues have not been realized. The urban program is showing a gain of \$510.49 in August and a gain of \$54.77 fiscal year to date. The urban funds will remain about balanced throughout most of the year due to the grant reimbursement process.

The process for our annual audit is underway and staff are meeting with representatives from Nunn, Brashear and Uzzell. We expect the audit will be presented as early as the October Board meeting.

NCDOT did not approve state funding in a budget for public transportation in FY21. There are currently a total of \$809,972 in CARES funds from the state to assist our rural program with any budget deficit associated with rural public transportation since the pandemic began. The state also allowed GWTA to carry forward \$47,851.50 in state EDTAP funds from last fiscal year. The state has also allowed SMAP funds to assist with our urban bus services in the amount of approximately \$46,000 to be carried forward. Federal Transit has also allocated the urban service \$2.3 million in

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CARES funds to cover eligible costs since the pandemic began. These funds are planned now to fund some of the operations. In addition, the funds are planned to assist with replacement of urban buses over the next three years.

Outreach and Activities

Willis participated in NCDOT teleconferences on September 9^t, and September 23rd. Willis held a teleconference meeting on September 10th introducing the new NCDOT representative to GWTA. Willis hosted a meeting with peers from Carteret County on September 10th. Willis participated in the AARP National Transportation forum online on September 15th & 16th. Willis facilitated the quarterly TAB meeting on September 17th. Willis participated in a conference call with NCDOT regarding the new Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) on September 17th. Willis participated in Mayor's Council on Disabilities conference call on September 17th.

Training

Operators will receive refresher training on defensive driving and pedestrian safety in September.

Marketing and Customer Service

National Disability Employment Awareness Month is in October. GWTA has prepared marketing materials to help celebrate and also to collaborate with the Mayor's Council on persons with Disabilities for their awards ceremonies again this year. GWTA and QCA are also developing the annual marketing plan to be presented by QCA at the October meeting. GWTA is preparing Customer Surveys for the fall, and suggestions for these surveys are appreciated as well.

EDTAP Funds (ROAP) for FY21

GWTA has release the approved application to agencies for the remaining \$47,851.50 in ROAP funds available to purchase elderly and disabled trips. The deadline for submission is October 2, 2020. The recommendation will be presented to the Board of Directors at the October meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Submitted by: LaShonda Oliver