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***Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2024***

The Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority met for a regular session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2024, at the City of Anteroom, 214 N. Center Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Members in attendance: Berry Gray, Chairman; Hiawatha Jones, Vice Chairman; Octavius Murphy, Secretary/Treasurer; Jamie Taylor; Barbara Aycock; and Robert Dingess

Members absent:: Steve Wiggins

Others in attendance: Don C. Willis, Borden Parker

Call to Order

Chairman Berry Gray called the meeting to order at 10:01 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 Rob Dingess and received unanimous approvals.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Gray requested the Board review and approve the minutes provided. A motion was made by Rob Dingess to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 29, 2024. Octavius Murphy seconded the motion. The Board provided unanimous approval of the minutes.

Director's Report

Director reported that GWTA submitted timely budget request to Wayne County for local matching funds to support GWTA's fy25 Administrative and Capital budget grants. Local match for administration is the same as in prior years, and local match for capital is \$40,000 less than last year's request. Director will provide Board with proposed annual matching request to Goldsboro for urban bus services. Director continues research and preparation for the proposed FY2024-2025 Urban and Rural budget ordinances. Rob Dingess noted that it was important that GWTA share with decision makers the increasing costs and the value of the services being provided by GWTA. Board members discussed the budget requests for matching funds made by the GWTA. Director noted that next year will be a more challenging budget year as remaining recovery funds become fully expended. One exception is that recovery funds to replace urban buses are still available and will reduce matching needs from Goldsboro. Cost of producing

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vehicles and reduced vendor options was discussed by the Board. Staff continues work to fulfill information requests from Nunn Brashear and Uzzell and complete the audit for FY23.

Marketing and Public Relations Update

Director shared that a second informational animated video starring “Seymour the bus” detailing how the Trip Finder works has been posted on the GWTA website and will be rolled out on social media and on local government TV.

Director shared that work continues to update the RFP that will be used and is attending training to receive updated references to federal requirements for the RFP. Director attended FTA training on procurement to aide with the RFP update process. Director is scheduling kick off meeting with review panel members in April.

QCA staff will be on site the first week in April to conduct annual ride counts and plan to be back in May for annual customer surveys.

Training

Director noted that GWTA employees received ADA refresher training at the February meeting.

Other Items

.Director reported attending two in person training events at FTA in Atlanta the first week of March. Director participated in statewide virtual meetings with Medicaid Brokers on March 13th. Director participated in virtual statewide meetings with NCDOT on March 13th. GWTA staff attended NCDOT “boot camp” training on March 19th. Director participated in called MPO meeting on March 21st. Director attended Mayors Council on Persons with Disabilities meeting on March 21st. Director met with Doug McGrath regarding plans for the NC Freedom Fest in September.

Chairman Gray asked if there was any further business. Hearing no further business, Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 10:27am.

Submitted by: Don C. Willis