

WACCAMAW REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
d/b/a THE COAST RTA
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018
10:00 AM

Board Present: Dr. Rob Sheehan
Darrell Eickhoff
Joseph Lazzara
Bernard Silverman
Ivory Wilson
Katharine D'Angelo
Randal Wallace
Lillie Jean Johnson
Heather Edwards
Dr. Marvin Keene
Mickey James

Staff Present: Brian Piascik, General Manager/CEO
Lynette Nobles, Executive Assistant/Board Liaison
Ron Prater, Chief Financial Officer (Go To Meeting)
Michelle Cantey, PIO

Visitors: Nicholas Twigg - Citizen

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), the 2018 meeting schedule was provided to the press at the beginning of the 2018 calendar year, stating the date, time and location. In addition, notice of this meeting was provided to the press and stakeholders, stating the date, time, and location on December 10, 2018.

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Sheehan called the meeting to order at 10:32 AM and welcomed everyone.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Dr. Sheehan gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited

ROLL CALL/ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM: Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS: Nicholas Twigg, Citizen

PUBLIC COMMENT: (3-minute limit): None

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: Not at this time; awards will be presented at the holiday party on Saturday night.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: There was a motion and a second to approve the agenda. A voice vote was taken; no nays being heard, the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes from the October board meeting. A voice vote was taken; no nays being heard, the minutes were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SERVICE/PAC COMMITTEE: Ms. Johnson reported that the summer 2019 schedule will remain the same as this past summer. The board had a consensus and we will continue the hours and also at no charge for the service. Mr. Piascik reported that AECOM is working with the City of Myrtle Beach and SCDOT regarding the bus stop signs. We still plan to have a ribbon-cutting; we are working on the logistics to determine when that will be. We have also incorporated some improvements outside the Conway location to improve the curb appeal (get rid of the rocks and put in landscaping). We have had no flooding in the Conway building, thanks to Tom Burda and his diligence. Ecolane is providing the new Paratransit software that will work on real-time scheduling and should be instrumental in better scheduling drivers to eliminate their wait-times between trips. We continue to have issues with the Annunciation System (announcing stops) but continue to work through the problems.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: We looked at the October financials and we are running a little hot in October. We are looking at doing a budget revision, as was discussed. We will have numbers for the budget revision in January. We will also have November and December financials in the January meeting. There are some issues with our FMO regarding the two (2) buses. We will have some decisions to make to resolve the issue. How we are addressing fare box issues will also be included in the revision.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: We had our State review (same as a triennial, except for the rural system) by SCDOT and it went very well. They did most of the review of files we submitted. They were here for only half of one (1) day and we had no findings. They were pleased with how things are going and we got some information regarding funds for two (2) routes (Aynor to Conway/Myrtle Beach and Myrtle Beach to Georgetown) in our service through inter-city funds (part of the rural program). Dr. Sheehan congratulated Mr. Piascik and staff for the audit outcome.

Discussion ensued regarding GSATS (prioritization of projects and funding distribution between Coast RTA and Brunswick County, NC). The board requested that Mr. Piascik invite the Transit Planner with WRCOG/GSATS to attend the February or March board meeting. Also, that he meet with the City and County Managers to discuss funding for service expansion; and, that he meet with partner agencies regarding our due diligence on the new facility project.

Mr. Piascik attended the TASC Board meeting last week and The State of South Carolina will receive \$33 Million dollars from the settlement with VW (Volkswagen) and the EPA. They have now put out the regulations for how the money can be spent and buses are eligible at 100%. The money will go through the Department of Insurance. We're working with TASC as to whether TASC will make a

joint request or if each Authority will submit their own. COMET is currently in a lawsuit with someone in Columbia regarding the use of their penny Sales and Use Tax for operating expenses. Mr. Piascik suggested engaging McNair to formulate a message to the Horry County Legislative Delegation on supportive changes to Chapter 37 and putting it to them that this is how it could effect this Authority, as well as others.

Ms. D'Angelo asked about the compensation plan as mentioned in the By-Laws. Mr. Piascik shared that the information will be presented at the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Wilson asked that all board members, with the exception of Mr. Wallace and Ms. Edwards, give him their completed General Manager Evaluation forms before they leave today.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Wilson asked why Coast RTA can't have a holiday party without employees paying anything to attend. It was decided that beginning in 2019, Coast RTA will cover the cost of the holiday party.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The board was reminded of the Holiday Party on Saturday, December 15, 2018 at the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center beginning at 6:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: There was a motion and a second that the meeting be adjourned. A voice vote was taken. No nays being heard, the meeting was adjourned at 11:48 A.M.