

WACCAMAW REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
d/b/a THE COAST RTA
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019
11:30 AM

Board Present: Darrell Eickhoff
Dr. Rob Sheehan
Joseph Lazzara
Ivory Wilson
Katharine D'Angelo
Bernard Silverman

Staff Present: Brian Piascik, General Manager/CEO
Ron Prater, Chief Financial Officer
Doug Herriott, Transportation Manager
Lynette Nobles, Board Liaison

Visitors: None

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), the 2019 meeting schedule was provided to the press at the beginning of the 2019 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 9, 2019.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Eickhoff called the meeting to order at 11:40 AM and welcomed everyone.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Silverman 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: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: Mr. Piascik announced that we will have our Christmas luncheon on December 18, 2019 from 11:00 AM until 4:00 PM and the board is invited. An invitation has been sent to each board member.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: There was a motion (Ms. D'Angelo) and a second (Mr. Wilson) to approve the agenda. A voice vote was taken; no nays being heard, the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There was a motion by Mr. Silverman and a second by Mrs.

D'Angelo to approve the minutes from the October board meeting. A voice vote was taken; no nays being heard, the minutes were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mr. Piascik shared that we reviewed the October financials and an update on November Income Statement was given. Our quarterly meeting with Horry County staff is this coming week and he would like to share the November Income Statement with them. In October, we moved the remainder of the CNB note from Long Term and moved it to Short Term Liability, which changed our quick and current ratio. We also went through our Pay Advance Procedures so you could see how we are handling this. We also went through the Compensation Plan. We will get board approval for the Compensation Plan in January, along with the change to the By-Laws.

SERVICE/PAC COMMITTEE: We're asking everyone to help out until we staff up with a new PIO. We're getting close to beginning the facility development program

Mr. Silverman mentioned our deciding on the type of vehicle we will be using for the Entertainment Shuttle next year. He stated that the system is running really well and that we should be very proud of that.

Mr. Piascik shared that we do need to run one (1) trolley because of an agreement with Ripley's for a wrap.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Piascik mentioned the change in the push-to-talk phones, as the system is being upgraded. The phones (80) are free, but we pay an additional monthly amount. Fuel Management – we procured this leading up to the end of FY19, pulling the funds in late September, with the idea that it would be implemented as close to late September as possible. We got to October 15th, then to the end of October and didn't hear from the vendor. Then in mid-November, we fired them (Fuel Force). So, we've been trying to find something. We found Fuel Master, out of Augusta, Georgia. We are not in compliance with FTA rules for period of performance for this capital project. There's a distinct possibility that we will have a finding for this. It's really not our fault.

Our next Triennial is in June 2020, probably the second week, when they come out to conduct the review. In general, we are in pretty good shape.

At TASC: CARTA (Charleston Transit) is looking to begin the process to change the RTA enabling legislation, in light of issues they are going to have regarding board make-up as relates to the number of representatives on the board for each county.

The Comet (Columbia) has dropped out of TASC. The new General Manager has decided that what he was looking for as help was not what he wanted.

TASC will be in Hilton Head in March of 2020.

The Governor and Lieutenant Governor are looking for projects to fund with some windfall funds, close to \$1 Billion; not operating projects. We may want to talk with them about our facility project.

The State also released an inter-city study (SCICB in the Board file in Finance Committee) wording it based on a competitive grant process, with the grant due in January. They purchased 27 over-the-road coaches in the last three (3) years for Southeastern Stages and Greyhound but there's been no uptick in the level of service by inter-city services. They have identified a number of corridors in the state that show up as gaps. In our region, Aynor to Myrtle Beach is a gap. Another is Georgetown to Myrtle Beach. We have those options and we can figure out if it's something we can do. We would have to provide local match for any funding received. Another thought is putting in for funds for the Georgetown Transfer Center.

The three (3) long cutaways are at Palmetto Bus right now. Tom is going out there to inspect them this week or next week; so we will have them by the end of next week. He will be going to Anniston, Alabama to inspect the two (2) New Flyers. We should have those by the third week of January. They will replace two (2) of the Dallas buses.

Mr. Silverman asked Mr. Piascik about a referendum. Mr. Piascik mentioned 2024, as it has to be an even number. Mr. Silverman thinks we could ask for a certain mileage in a referendum. We have a lot to think about as to how we would run a campaign, etc. A lot to be determined.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS: Ms. Nobles read the following resolutions into the record:

**WACCAMAW REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. DEC2019-12**

AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND EXISTING SHORT-TERM LOAN

A motion of the Board of the Waccamaw Regional Transportation Authority Authorization to authorize the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer to renew the existing short-term loan with Conway National Bank.

There was a motion and a second to approve the resolution. A voice vote was taken, no nays being heard, the resolution was approved.

**WACCAMAW REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. DEC2019-13**

**AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND AWARD CONTRACT
TRANSIT FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

A motion of the Board of the Waccamaw Regional Transportation Authority (Coast RTA) authorizing the General Manager/Secretary Treasurer to negotiate with and award a contract to Kimley-Horn, 200 South Tryon Street, Suite 200, Charlotte, NC 28202 to conduct the Transit Facilities Development Program.

There was a motion and a second to approve the resolution. A voice vote was taken, no nays being heard, the resolution was approved.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: It was decided to cancel the Service/PAC meeting in January and move the January board meeting to January 22, 2020, at 10:30, immediately following the Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Piascik will be attending Triennial Training the last week of January.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was a motion and a second to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, at 12:30 PM. A voice vote was taken, no nays being heard, the board entered into Executive Session.

At 12:50 PM there was a motion and a second to come out of Executive Session. A voice vote was taken, no nays being heard, the board came out of Executive Session.

While in Executive Session, no votes were taken and no decisions were made.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 12:52 PM.