

WACCAMAW REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
d/b/a THE COAST RTA  
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 2020  
9:30 AM

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

**Staff Present:** Brian Piascik, General Manager/CEO  
Ron Prater, Chief Financial Officer  
Lynette Nobles, Board Liaison  
Tom Arends, IT

**Visitors:**

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), the 2020 meeting schedule was provided to the press at the beginning of the 2020 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 March 23, 2020. Due to the Coronavirus and social distancing, this meeting is being held remotely.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Eickhoff called the meeting to order at 9:34 AM and welcomed everyone.

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mr. Eickhoff gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Mr. Eickhoff requested that an update on risk assessment and safety be added to the agenda, for Mr. Piascik to report. There was a motion by Ms. Johnson and a second by Ms. D'Angelo that the agenda be approved with the addition. A voice vote was taken; no nays being heard, the agenda was approved with the addition.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS:** Mr. Piascik read the following into the record:

**WACCAMAW REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
RESOLUTION NO. MAR2020-05**

**AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR FTA  
DISCRETIONARY BUS & BUS FACILITIES FUNDING**

A motion of the Board of Directors for the Waccamaw Regional Transportation Authority to authorize the General Manager/Secretary Treasurer to file a grant application for FTA funding.

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

Mr. Eickhoff asked Mr. Piascik to update the board on what Coast RTA is doing regarding risk assessment and safety during this difficult time. Mr. Piascik shared that he spent a good bit of time speaking with counterparts with other Authority's. We still have riders. Ridership didn't begin to take a dip until last week. On Routes 15N and 15S, we went to 2-hourly headways, today, and eliminated some trips from Myrtle Beach and Conway. Those who are commuting to jobs are still using our service. The bus that comes off service in Myrtle Beach, we're using where we have more than 25 riders to maintain social distancing. We are cleaning hand rails and bars as often as possible and do a deep cleaning in the evening. We have a spray bottle of disinfectant and paper towels on all of the buses. There hasn't been a lot of direction from SCDOT or FTA. A couple of employees who were traveling were asked to not report for work for a couple of weeks. They can use PTO or sick time. Monday, during the governor's press conference, the items that were covered are things that we are already doing – wash your hands often, don't touch your face, practice social distancing, etc. We've closed the indoor waiting areas to maintain social distancing. We have Customer Service working in the conference room at present due to the dampness and mold in their area. Everyone is stepping up and we are giving them everything they need.

Mr. Eickhoff thanked everyone for attending the practice sessions on Monday. It's nice that we have this capability for board members to be able to attend meetings even though they may not be able to be here physically.

Dr. Keene asked about an unofficial comment on our audit. Mr. Piascik shared that for the third year in a row, we've had no findings, no comments, and no questions. Kudos to Mr. Prater and his staff for the great work.

Mr. Eickhoff asked when Mr. Piascik will have the opportunity to share the audit results with Horry County. He responded that he will give a similar presentation as to the symposium. He feels that with having three (3) clean audits gives us a good track record with how we handle public funds.

Mr. Silverman asked about what's happening with North Myrtle Beach. Mr. Piascik shared that he hasn't heard from them. With all that's going on, it's on hold for now.

Ms. Johnson reminded Mr. Piascik about meeting with the new councilman. She also reported that the contract for the new County Administrator was approved on Tuesday night.

**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 9:56 AM.