

**COLUMBUS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
TO THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Minutes of February 13, 2023

12:00 Noon

Dale's Seafood In Whiteville

Present: Algernon McKenzie (Chair), Sylvia Cox, Selena Rowell, Kim Smith, Ruth High, Marcus Norfleet, Eddie Beck, Gary Lanier
Absent: Patrick Flanagan (Vice Chairman), Briana Williamson (Secretary), Michael Lee, Trelonnie Owens, David Ransom, Charles Parker
Staff: Director, Joy Jacobs, First Transit Site Manager, Tony Rowell, Asst County Manager, Nick West

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 12:12 pm. Chair Al McKenzie presided. In the absence of a secretary Director Joy Jacobs took notes.

In lieu of 2 members leaving our board Chairman Algernon McKenzie opened the floor for nominations for a Vice Chairman and a Secretary. Motion was made by Gary Lanier and seconded by Eddie Beck to nominate Marcus Norfleet as our new Vice Chairman. The motion was unanimous. There were no nominations for secretary at this time. Chairman McKenzie said we would table it until our next meeting.

A motion was made by Marcus Norfleet and seconded by Kim Smith to remove Trelonnie Owens from our board due to non-attendance for the past year. Motion carried unanimously. It was discussed that this was covered in the by-laws.

A motion to approve the minutes from November 14, 2022 TAB meeting was made by Gary Lanier and seconded by Eddie Beck. The motion was unanimous. No discussion.

Reports:

A. First Transit Site Manager's Report:

- No accidents or incidents to report

B. Director's Report-

A printed report was distributed by email that detailed the topics that would be discussed at today's meeting. Copy Attached

Director, Joy Jacobs presented Director's Report.

Topics covered in the report included:

- Two members of our board have left, the current Vice Chairman, Patrick Flanagan and the current Secretary, Briana Williamson. We will need to vote in new officers. The COG will let us know when the replacement for Patrick is hired and I will talk with him about being on the board.
- Voting Trelonnie Owens off the board due to not attending the meetings anymore.
- Status of the trips and the ROAP funding
- \$10.00 trips are now being done at \$5.00 to help those of fixed or low income
- Total ROAP funds for this year are \$219,526.00 and both disbursements are in. So far we have spent \$131,890.40 leaving \$87,635.60 for the rest of the year.
- Since our contract with First Transit is up this year I will be doing an RFP and we need to elect a committee today to review the responses when they come in. Kim Smith, Marcus Norfleet, and Sylvia Cox volunteered to be on the committee and all members were in agreement.
- In lieu of the RFP and the timing the director requested to move the date of our May TAB meeting from the 8th to the 15th. Gary Lanier made a motion to approve the change and it was seconded by Kim Smith. Motion passed unanimously. No Discussion.
- We have gotten all 3 of the vehicles ordered for FY22 now and the order forms for FY23 should be coming out sometime this month.

Discussion:

Gary Lanier asked about why the amount of the employment funds spent had dropped. There could be a change in the number we are taking to work, some may have gotten transportation on their own, some may have moved and are now paying a different rate. Many things could play a factor.

Kim Smith inquired as to whether we would be using all of the CARES money that is left. We will definitely use all of it.

Kim Smith noted that the public health emergency due to COVID is expected to be going away. This will cause many changes in the way things are now being done.

Algernon McKenzie mentioned how the new Medicaid Expansion may be causing more work for all county employees working for or with DSS.

Old Business – None.

New business – Sylvia Cox brought up the fact that the retreat mentioned in the by-laws to be done in August each year would be a bad time for those in the school system. In discussing we decided to think on this and come up with a better time at the May meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:47 pm

Next meeting will be Monday, May 15, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Jacobs, Director

Members who were absent may request their printed reports from the director.