

Duplin United Transit System

July 12, 2023

Members Present:

Anita Savage, Register of Deeds
Susan Clark, VR
Wendy Henderson, DSS

Trisha-Ann Hoskins, Manager's Office
Lynne Moore, ESC
Matthew Collins, Davita

Also Present:

Angel Venecia, DCPT

Today's Business

Angel Venecia called the meeting to order-currently no Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson to conduct meeting.

Trisha-Ann Hoskins made a motion to approve minutes for January 12, 2023 meeting with Anita Savage seconding the motion.

New member introductions were made-namely Susan Clark who will be replacing Christy Lanier as the representative for VR. Christy has been promoted and her office location has changed. Other new members will be introduced as they attend.

Angel Venecia gave an update on the status of the construction of Duplin Transit's new building. The building was able to receive power the last week in June, so they anticipate construction completion of September 2023. Additionally, we received word from NCDOT that there is an additional one million dollars that we are eligible for, so we are looking into ways that we can utilize that funding to improve our building. We anticipate holding a ribbon-cutting ceremony after we get moved in; hopefully October or so.

Angel Venecia discussed the GREAT grant that the library was awarded for technology. The library has provided each van with a cell phone & hotspot. The riders have been able to access the hotspot when they are riding the bus and the drivers are able to use the cell phones to contact clients and the office when they are on their route. The grant extends service through December 2023; then we will have an opportunity to get a cost estimate with T-Mobile and hopefully be able to continue the service.

FY24 budget was approved by the commissioners. Venecia did ask for a couple of reclassifications and an increase in the driver salaries. Only the driver salary increase was approved; which we are very grateful to receive. The drivers are pleased and we are hopeful this will aid in recruitment efforts.

Venecia explained that we currently do not have a Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson to lead these meetings and we must get some members in those roles. Trisha-Ann Hoskins made a motion to elect Wendy Henderson as Chairperson and Anita Savage as Vice-Chair; Lynn Moore seconded. Both Wendy & Anita agreed to accept those roles.

Conflict of Interest policy was discussed. Lynn Moore made a motion to adopt the conflict of interest policy and Trisha-Ann seconded. Conflict of Interest statements distributed to all in attendance and were signed.

Next TAB meeting will be September 14, 2023 at 10:00am.

Trisha-Ann made a motion to adjourn; Wendy Henderson seconded. Meeting adjourned.