

Meeting Minutes
LEE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
Thursday, July 25, 2013
10 am at the Enrichment Center, Classroom A

Present: **Melanie Rodgers, Rockie Dillon, Michelle McCarrison, Debbie Davidson, Bill Dugan, Sidney Morgan, Roger Bailey, Lois Flemming, Pamela Glover, Shirley Rijkse, Bob McCarthy**

Debbie Davidson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There were no minutes to approve. The April 25, 2013 meeting was a focus group session.

Debbie Davidson advised it is time to elect Chair and Vice Chair of the Transportation Advisory Board. She opened the floor for nominations. Rockie Dillon nominated Bob McCarthy as Chair, seconded by Debbie Davidson, all were in favor. Bob McCarthy opened the floor for Vice Chair nominations. Debbie Davidson nominated Bill Dugan, seconded by Rockie Dillon, all were in favor.

Debbie Davidson provided a Human Services Transportation Plan update. Additional public access, connections between counties and evening access were discussed. TARPO, Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization (TARPO), is a voluntary association of local governments in Chatham, Lee, Moore, and Orange and Wake Counties that plans rural transportation operations and advises the NCDOT on rural transportation policy. The TARPO plan to move Lee County into a new region has been tabled. Ron Rabin, Mike Stone and Deb McManus are representatives for the decisions concerning the county lines in the design of the local planning organizations such as TARPO.

Sidney Morgan provided a COLTS quarterly update for April – June 2013: service hours were 6,195 and revenue hours were 5,274; service miles were 103,528 and revenue miles were 91,339; trips were 13,617. Contract trips have increased slightly. Trips in general have increased by 6%. There are 18 vehicles in the COLTS fleet: 10 lift-equipped and 8 conversion vans. Since July 1, 2013, three transmissions have been rebuilt. One engine is being replaced. A vehicle must reach 115,000 miles to be considered for replacement by NCDOT/Public Transportation Division capital grant funds.

Bob McCarthy asked how much is a trip? Debbie Davidson responded that the fully allocated cost of a trip is \$10.65. The contract rate is \$8.85 per trip.

Debbie Davidson provided a grant and NCDOT update. COLTS is currently running on Lee County Government dollars until contracts are received from NCDOT/PTD. The Lee County Manager agreed to continue services as is until contracts are completed. The FY13 OPSTATS (Operations and Statistics) report is due to NCDOT/PTD by 9/30/13. The FY13 ROAP (Rural Operating Assistance Program) report is due to NCDOT/PTD by 8/31/13. The Lee County Government space needs study includes the co-locating COLTS vans with the office. AARA dollars through NCDOT/PTD provided a safety camera for each van.

Roger Bailey provided handouts regarding evening and weekend programs and transportation provided through the Stevens Center. There are currently 50 people using the service providing 70 rides per month.

Melanie Rodgers distributed and reviewed information about the Wednesday, August 28 Boomer, Senior & Caregiver Expo at the Dennis A. Wicker Civic Center. All adults are welcome to attend the FREE Expo.

With no further business, the Board agreed to adjourn. The next meeting will be held Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 10:00 am at The Enrichment Center.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Rodgers on behalf of Debbie Davidson, Secretary,

Debbie Davidson - Secretary

Bob McCarthy, Chairman

Bob McCarthy