



TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD

Ocala Citizens Service Center
201 SE 3rd Street, Ocala, FL 34471

April 18, 2019

MINUTES

Members Present:

Michelle Stone
Jeffrey Askew (*arrived at 2:05pm*)
Tamyika Young
Tracey Sapp
Iris Pozo (*for Kathleen Woodring*)
Tracey Alesiani
Andrea Melvin
Anissa Pieriboni
Dennis Yonce

Members Not Present:

Charmaine Anderson
Susan Hanley
Carlos Colon
Carissa Hutchinson
Jeff Aboumrad
James Haines

Others Present:

Derrick Harris, TPO Staff
Shakayla Pullings, TPO Staff
Tom Wilder, Marion Senior Services

Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Stone called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM. Secretary Shakayla Pullings called the roll of members; a quorum was present.

Item 2. Proof of Publication

Secretary Shakayla Pullings announced the meeting was published online at the city of Ocala, Marion County, Belleview, and Dunnellon websites and on the TPO's website.

Item 3. TDLCB By-Laws Update

Mr. Harris presented the TDLCB By-Laws Update and said that it was incumbent upon TPO staff to regularly review and/or amend the TDLCB bylaws to remain concurrent with State of Florida regulations and code as they relate to the operations of the local Community Transportation Coordinator and the Florida CTD. The TPO staff had rewritten the TDLCB bylaws and respectfully requested the TDLCB Board review and recommend changes or approval to the said bylaws.

Mr. Harris said that all elements included in the TDLCB bylaws were pursuant to Chapter 427 Florida Statutes (FS); Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code (FAC); and subsequent laws that set forth requirements for the coordination of transportation services to the TD.

A copy of the proposed updated TDLCB By-Laws was provided to each board member with the redaction of Article VII: Board Duties #7 that stated "Work cooperatively with local Welfare Transition Program (WTP) coalitions established in Chapter 445, FS, to provide assistance in the development of innovative transportation services for WTP participants" per CareerSource at the January 17, 2019 TDLCB meeting.

Mr. Harris said there were no other redactions or edits to the by-laws.

Mr. Askew made a motion to approve the TDLCB By-Laws Update. Ms. Melvin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 4. TRIP Rate

Mr. Wilder presented the TRIP Rate and said that every year Marion Senior Services had to put together a spreadsheet that the Transportation Disadvantaged Commission sends with the formula for the TRIP rates. The rate had been "3 dollars and change" for ambulatory trips and "5 dollars and change" for wheelchair trips. With the formula provided by the Commission the new TRIP Rates had decreased and were \$2.81 for ambulatory trips and \$4.81 for wheelchair trips per mile.

Mr. Wilder said there was the option to either charge by miles or by the trip and based on past studies and conversations with other neighboring agencies it seemed to be easier to charge by the trip versus the mile. The per trip rate would be \$30.24 for ambulatory and \$51.84 for wheelchair.

Mr. Wilder said he would like to get the trip rate approved and it would start July 1st.

Ms. Stone asked where the reimbursements were coming from.

Mr. Wilder said that reimbursements were coming from the Transportation Commission for the Disadvantaged in Tallahassee.

Mr. Askew asked how would the trip rates be communicated to the riders.

Mr. Wilder said that the rates are behind the scenes for the riders they only would pay \$2 if not fare waived and there was a process in place for riders to not pay the \$2.

Mr. Yonce made a motion to approve a per trip mile for the TRIP Rate going forward to be effective July 1, 2019. Ms. Sapp seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Askew made a motion to approve the trip rate for \$30.24 for ambulatory and \$51.84 for wheelchair riders. Ms. Pieriboni seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5. Ilianette Hernandez- CLM Workforce *CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion*

Ms. Hernandez said that CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion was made up of a dedicated team of professionals with one goal in mind: connecting businesses with well-qualified job candidates. CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion was the region's recognized workforce leader and part of the unified CareerSource Florida workforce system. CareerSource collaborated with local economic development, education and community partners to develop world-class education/training and employment services to meet regional workforce needs. CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion, formerly Workforce Connection, was one of Florida's 24 workforce development regions dedicated to putting people to work and helping businesses stay competitive.

Ms. Hernandez also talked about services that CareerSource offers.

Item 6. Susan Hanley- Department of Elderly Affairs

Susan Hanley was unable to attend the meeting. The agenda item was skipped.

Item 7. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Sapp made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Melvin seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 8. Comments by TDLCB Members

Each TDLCB Member provided the board with agency updates.

Item 9. Comments by Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC)

Mr. Wilder said Marion Transit received a grant for five new buses last year and three had already arrived with two more to be delivered. A tentative approval had been received for five more replacement buses in the next fiscal year starting October 1st. The old buses would be auctioned.

Mr. Wilder also said some technical improvements had been made to buses as well as outside lighting at the facility.

Chairman Stone had another engagement to attend and had to leave early at 2:30pm. A quorum was still present and Vice-Chairman Askew continued the meeting.

Item 10. Comments by TPO Staff

There were no comments by the TPO Staff.

Item 11. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Item 12. Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Askew adjourned at 2:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Shakayla Pullings, TPO Administrative Assistant