MINUTES

Members Present:
Councilman James Hilty, Chairman
Jeffery Askew (arrived 2:15pm)
Millie Chervoni
Susan Hanley
Carlos Colon
Megan Crowley

Members Not Present:
Charmaine Anderson
Kathleen Woodring

Others Present:
Kenneth Odom, TPO Staff
Shakayla Jacobs, TPO Staff
Tom Wilder, Marion Transit Services
Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman James Hilty called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM. Secretary Shakayla Jacobs called the roll of members; a quorum was present.

Item 2. Proof of Publication

Secretary Shakayla Jacobs announced the meeting was published online at the city of Ocala, Belleview, and Dunnellon websites and on the TPO’s website.

Item 3. 2017 Annual Operating Report

Mr. Odom said that every year there was a requirement to publish several different reports and that Mr. Wilder spent time putting reports together from a fiscal sense. The Annual Operating Report referenced every operating aspect of Marion Transit and included the number of annual trips. Mr. Odom said there was also information in the report number of accidents and even included complaints.

Mr. Odom said there was a lot of data to review and the board was provided a copy of the report.

Mr. Wilder said that every county had to produce the Annual Operating Report and that it was his second year providing the report. A new system was put into place to pull accurate data.

Mr. Wilder said that the report had been accepted by the State.

Mr. Odom said although it was accepted by the State the TDLCB still had to approve.

Mr. Colon made a motion to approve the 2017 Annual Operating Report and Ms. Chervoni seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 4. 2017 Annual Expenditure Report

Mr. Odom said that the Annual Expenditure Report provided information for Local and Direct Funding. The report was only one page but the numbers showed expenditures and number of trips, operating subsidy or Capital. The information was provided for Coordinated Transportation, Transportation Alternatives, and Other.

The board was provided a copy of the Annual Expenditure Report to review.

Mr. Colon made a motion to approve the 2017 Annual Expenditure Report and Ms. Chervoni seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
Item 5. FY 2017 Shirley Conroy Grant

The Shirley Conroy Rural Area Capital Assistance Grant was named in honor of Mrs. Shirley Jenkins Conroy (1930-2010). Mrs. Conroy was a tireless advocate for coordinated community transportation services and those who were disadvantaged. A few of Mrs. Conroy's accomplishments included:

In the 1970's, she was instrumental in the development and passage of Chapter 427, F.S. In the 1980's, she served as the Executive Director of the first Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) for Alachua County.

In the 1990’s, she administered coordinated transportation for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 2 as the liaison to their CTCs.

In the 2000’s, she served as the Executive Director of the Florida Association of Coordinated Transportation Systems (FACTS).

While this grant was originally named to honor Mrs. Conroy, it continues to memorialize her legacy in Community Transportation by providing funding for capital purchases for the rural areas of Florida.

Mr. Wilder said that Marion Transit had applied for the grant to receive additional funding for purchasing Notifications Module Software for the buses and one Cutaway Paratransit Bus Replacement. The total requested for both the software and bus replacement was $16,455.00.

Mr. Wilder said the software would help Marion Transit to be more efficient in data collection and would also send automated phone calls to clients where they could confirm or cancel their appointments prior to the trip.

*Mr. Colon made a motion to approve the FY 2017 Shirley Conroy Grant and Ms. Chervoni seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

Item 6. Approval of Minutes

*Mr. Colon made a motion to approve the Minutes and Ms. Chervoni seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

Item 7. Comments by TDLCB Members

There were no comments by TDLCB Members.

Item 8. Comments by Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC)

There were no comments by the CTC.
Item 9. Comments by TPO Staff

Mr. Odom said that Marion Transit had the new bus for display and that after the meeting the board was welcome to look at the new bus.

Mr. Wilder said that the bus would accommodate 9 ambulatory and 2 wheelchair trips.

There was board discussion about the different types of trips and qualifications for trips.

Item 10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Item 11. Adjournment

Chairman Hilty adjourned at 2:29pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Shakayla Jacobs, TPO Administrative Assistant