

**HERNANDO COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED
LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, May 20, 2020 – 10:15 A.M.**

MINUTES

The Hernando County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) held a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, beginning at 10:15 a.m. at the Hernando County Building Division Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida. The meeting was also available to members and the public via ZOOM Webinar. The meeting was advertised in the St. Petersburg Times and the agenda was available on the MPO Website.

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON

John Allocco, TDLCB Chairman
Kevin Bargerstock, Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Joe DeGeorge, Hernando County Transit

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING VIA ZOOM

Gretchen Samter, Public Transit User
Emily Hughart, ACHA
Kathleen Winters, Local Representative Medical Community
John Eberle, Regional Workforce Development Board
Holly Ferguson, Hernando County Veterans Services
Benita Dixon, Private For-Profit Transportation
Tracy Noyes, FDOT
Elizabeth Watson, Persons with Disabilities Agency

MEMBERS ABSENT

Verene Kurtz, Hernando County Resident, Disabled
Denise Clark, Public Education Community
Robert Bradburn, Florida Department of Children & Family Services

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Diez, MPO Executive Director
Carlene Riecss, Transportation Planner III
Cayce Dagenhart, Transportation Planner II
Alaina Kidd Administrative Assistant III
Miranda Maldonado, Trans Hernando Via Zoom

A. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Allocco called the regular meeting of the TDLCB to order at 10:15 a.m.

B. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Gretchen Samter made a motion to approve the May 20, 2020, regular meeting agenda. Benita Dixon seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

C. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 19, 2020

Motion: Joe DeJorge made a motion to approve the February 19, 2020, minutes. Kevin Bargerstock seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

D. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) Update

Mr. Diez advised the CTD has suspended all public workshops and encourage the local coordinating boards to have virtual meetings. The CTD is launching a website providing information regarding the Trip and Equipment Grant which Mr. Diez stated is in the agenda packets.

Mr. Diez explained the Florida Legislature directed the commission to administer the Advantage Ride Pilot Program. The goal of the program is to provide rides to intellectually or otherwise challenged individuals. The program has served nearly 500 individuals and provided over 20,000 rides. The performance evaluation is provided for informational purposes.

Commissioner Allocco asked if there was any public comment either in person, via ZOOM or email. There was none.

E. ACTION ITEM

1. Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan / Grievance Procedures

Mr. Diez explained the TDLCB must annually review and approve the following sections of the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan: Development Plan, Cost/Revenue Allocation and Rate Structure Justification, Service Plan, including the 2020/2021 Rate Model Calculation Worksheet and Quality Assurance. The TDSP was updated to include current data.

Commissioner Allocco asked if there was any public comment either in person, via ZOOM or email. There was none.

Motion: Kevin Bargerstock made a motion to approve the updated TDSP and Grievance Procedures. Joe DeGeorge seconded; A roll call vote was taken, and it carried unanimously. (It was noted that John Eberle had left the meeting prior to this item)

2. CTC- Shirley Conroy Grant

Mr. Diez advised the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) is applying for a Shirley Conroy Grant in the amount of \$131,470 for capital purchases. The request is for two vehicles, a local match is required.

Commissioner Allocco asked if there was any public comment either in person, via ZOOM or email. There was none.

Motion: Tracy Noyes made a motion to approve submittal of the Shirley Conroy Grant. Joe De George seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Annual Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) Evaluation

Staff discussed the requirement to provide an annual evaluation of the CTC. The evaluation was conducted and is included in the Board packet for review and approval. No public comment either in person, via ZOOM or email.

Ms. Riecss explained the MPO has received several user surveys and they were very positive.

Motion: Benita Dixon made a motion to approve the evaluation and submittal to the CTD. Gretchen Samter seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Planning Agency Survey

Mr. Diez explained the Board is required to complete a survey of the Official Planning Agency. He requested the Board to complete their surveys and turn them into staff via email. Mr. Allocco requested the Board members provide their surveys to staff.

F. MID FLORIDA COMMUNITY SERVICES – Miranda Maldonado

Ms. Maldonado advised due to Covid-19, Mid Florida has been running 3 to 4 days a week for medical rides and with 2 people per vehicle due to social distancing. Ridership has been down to Covid-19 as well.

G. VETERANS SERVICES –Holly Ferguson

Ms. Ferguson advised service was suspended mid-March and is still suspended currently due to Covid-19. She reported Veteran Services is meeting later in the day to discuss the virus further.

H. TDLCB MEMBER PRESENTATIONS – Kevin Bargerstock

Mr. Bargerstock is with Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. The division's mission is to help individuals with disabilities. They are state and federally funded, 20% and 80% respectively. The service is generally free although there is a financial component based on income. They serve adults, and school ages 8th grade to high school.

They have a new office in Brooksville which is in the commercial plaza with Big Lots. He gave a brief overview of services provided which include training, on the job training, placement assistance, and mental and physical restoration.

Ms. Noyes asked if there are any in residence programs. Mr. Bargerstock responded they only provide outpatient services. Ms. Noyes also asked if the Program is related to the Department of Education. Mr. Bargerstock responded in the affirmative, their agency is a division of the Department of Education.

I. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments either in person or via email.

J. MPO STAFF COMMENTS/UPDATES

Mr. Diez advised that the TDLCB meeting in August is the first of the new fiscal year.

Mr. DeGeorge stated as of June 1st regular service will resume and they are reinstating bus fares. Staff will wear masks; riders will be encouraged to wear them, and the temperatures of staff will be taken.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, Chairman Allocco adjourned the meeting at 10:52 am.

The regular meeting of the TDLCB will be held on Wednesday, August 19, 2020, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the Hernando County Building Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Dr, Brooksville, FL.