



TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD (TDLCB)

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday – May 27, 2010 – 10:00 a.m.

Building B, Conference Room B1-501, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960

NOTE: Audio/Video Records of the meeting can be found at <http://www.ircgov.com/Boards/TDLCB/2010.htm>

Also, reports referenced with an asterisk * are on file at the Board of County Commissioners and are available upon request.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Solari, Chairman	IRC Commissioner District 5
Joel Herman	Veteran's Service Office
William Lundy Parden, Vice Chairman	Rep. for the Handicapped
Catherine Viggiano	FL Dept. of Education, Div. Voc. Rehab.
Dr. Harry Hurst	Citizen Advocate Representative
Sue Rux	Economic Opportunities Council (EOC)
Kathleen Hiro (alternate for Laurie Sang)	Early Childhood Services
Hylan Bryan	Florida Department of Elder Affairs (FDEA)
George Millar	Public Education Representative
Ellen Higinbotham	Department of Children and Families (DCF)
Jaclyn Meli	FL Dept. of Transportation (FDOT)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Cindy Barnes	FL Agency for Health Care Administration
Toni Purvis Teresi	Representative for Seniors

OTHERS PRESENT:

Phil Matson	IRC Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Brian Freeman	Senior Planner (MPO)
Karen Wood	Senior Resource Association (SRA)
Beth Casano	Recording Secretary
April Hargett	IRC Volunteer Ambulance Squad
Karen Deigl	Senior Resource Association (SRA)

1. The Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Solari at 10:00 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Higinbotham pointed out misspellings of her name and Ms. Casano stated revisions of a date and courtesy title had also been corrected.

ON MOTION BY Dr. Hurst and **SECONDED BY** Mr. Herman , the Board unanimously accepted, with revisions , the minutes of February 27, 2010 TDLCB meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

In reference to his inquiries at the last TDLCB meeting, Commissioner Solari has since learned that TDLCB is required by law to have four meetings a year and that the RAC representative position should remain active.

3. TDLCB CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Commissioner Solari suggested that it would be nice if Ms. Deigl and Ms. Wood made a presentation to the Board of County Commissioners as he felt the progress of the Community Transportation Coordinator (TCT) deserved public kudos.

4. PLANNING STATUS REPORT

Mr. Matson reported that:

- 1) They had received great marks from their Tri-Annual Review conducted last April 19th and 20th. The National Reviewer analyzes 24 areas of operation. Per the review, the only area needing tweaking is the ADA Policy which should better articulate tracking and statistics of ADA riders for accounting purposes.
- 2) Transportation route change issues were still being addressed. After discussion last meeting concerning Grace's Landing, the CTC restored the community's original stop. He mentioned that the CTC is now working with the Highlands community on a similar issue.
- 3) The MPO Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Public Workshops had gone well and he expressed appreciation for those members of the Board who attended.
- 4) The FDOT would soon be announcing Public Workshops concerning the State's 2060 Long Range Plans.

5. CTC STATUS REPORT*

Ms. Wood reviewed the report, emphasizing that a peak in overall ridership at this time is typical and begins to drop off a little in summer although the beach and mall runs increase. Dr. Hurst inquired about underage ridership. Ms. Wood said that under 12 years of age, a child must be accompanied by someone older and it was noted that they have no policy against daycare groups with Adult chaperone's using the system as it has not been a concern in the past. Ms. Wood continued: Fellsmere in final year of a 3-year funding agreement and

Sebastian in its second; the new Dodge Caravans working well for Medical out-of-county transports; and, construction of the new facility is on schedule.

Board Members expressed pride in the GoLine system and discussed the impressive milestones that have been achieved, especially the TCT's ability to continually meet the needs of increased ridership, even as budgets decrease. Ms. Deigl announced that ten Bus Shelters had been purchased and they were presently working out locations, projecting that shelters would be in place within about four months.

Ms. Wood gave special recognition to April Hargett of the Indian River County Volunteer Ambulance Squad stating that she and her organization have been invaluable partners in IRC's transit system. Ms. Hargett said that they provided over 10 thousand trips last year.

Dr. Hurst requested a list be provided to the Board that contains the names of all the Ambulance Squad's volunteers.

6. REVIEW OF PROGRESS REPORT

ON MOTION BY Mr. Millar and **SECONDED BY** Ms. Rux, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Progress Report and Reimbursement Invoice #33 for the 2010 Planning Grant.

7. REVIEW OF SERVICE PLAN

Mr. Freeman gave a PowerPoint Presentation* which reviewed the Indian River County Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan for fiscal year 2010/1011.

The presentation consisted of: an overview of the TD program, updates that included both demographic and socioeconomic changes, current needs assessment, present service capabilities (GoLine/Community Coach,) summaries of transit ridership and costs, and other components such as system safety program plans and quality assurances.

Ms. Bryan expressed amazement at the cost effectiveness of the IRC TD program saying that it functioned better at half the cost of most other counties.

Mr. Herman believed along with all the members that the IRC Transit Cost Summary was a benefit that the entire community should be made aware of and commended Ms. Wood and Ms. Deigl on their efforts.

Upon conclusion of Mr. Freeman's Presentation, Mr. Matson noted that the IRC TD Service Plan isn't a plan that changes drastically and that the Board may want to consider making a case with the State for presenting it every three years instead of annually.

Commissioner Solari pointed out that the plan was 159 pages long and thought that the only necessary information needed to be relayed annually would be if there were substantial changes in bylaws or membership.

He said that if there is Board consensus he would have Mr. Matson outline the request and he would take it to IRC's State Delegation. Commissioner Solari emphasized his belief in cutting unnecessary costs whenever and wherever possible. Board Members agreed and expressed support for Mr. Matson's and the Commissioner's efforts to pursue the idea.

Although a motion was not needed to pursue the cost-cutting venue; Mr. Matson informed the Board that one was needed for the acceptance or the rejection of the TD Service Plan.

ON MOTION BY Ms. Hylan and **SECONDED BY** Ms. Rux, the Board unanimously approved the TD Service Plan for transmittal to the State Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

Dr. Hurst wished to re-emphasize the comments made during the meeting concerning the fact that IRC's TD System was a Model system for the State and that the public should be aware of such either through advertising or even pursuing a presentation or award at the State level.

Ms. Meli stated that there is a special State award entitled the "Davis Productivity Award" and that the Board may wish to look into it. When asked who the contact person was, Ms. Meli replied, "me." Mr. Matson said he would be contacting her office as well as looking into other opportunities for recognition.

As there was no further business, the meeting was **ADJOUNED** at 10:45 a.m.

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<http://www.ircgov.com/Boards/SunshinePresentation.pdf>