

MCTS Advisory Board Minutes
Thursday, November 29, 2018
3:00 p.m. / Rick Rhyne Building, Carthage

Members: Yvette Ausby, Karen DeCata (Vice-Chair), Bryan Phillips, Wendy Carter, Terri Prots, Jim Pederson, Kenneth Byrd (Chair), Bob Huber

Staff: Stephanie Cormack, Sonia Biggs, Kris Klug, Tron Ross

Guests: Rhonda Priest

Meeting came to order at 3:10 p.m.

I. Introductions were made.

II. Minutes from August 15, 2018, were approved with a motion by Wendy Carter and a second by Jim Pederson. All were in favor.

III. Financials: Stephanie Cormack reported being “in the positive”. She did mention that September, under Revenues, under User Fees, you will see that the numbers were down due to the hurricane. She reminded the Board that November – June is projected and the budget is watched closely each month.

IV. New Business:

a. A revision was made to the Policy & Procedures in which language was added regarding clients who own dogs. Page 6, dogs have to be confined. When asked to define “confined”, Sonia said in a fence or chained. Too often, clients in wheelchairs or on walkers who require assistance may have dogs that become protective and aggressive if the driver tries to assist the person. Chairman Byrd also asked how MCTS will get this info to the clients. Stephanie responded that once the Board of Commissioners approves the revision, clients will be notified and it will be posted on the website. A motion was made by Bryan Phillips to accept the revision to Policy & Procedures with the following addition: clarify “dogs on their property” so there is no mistake with service dogs. A second by Yvette Ausby and all were in favor.

b. Sonia Biggs provided the Board with an update on the grants: MCTS has been approved for capital and administration grants. Six vans will be replaced and that process will begin once the agreement number is in place. She explained that the hurricane has delayed the process; it does not normally take this long.

Bryan Phillips expressed his appreciation and gratitude to MCTS for their help during the hurricane. Sonia Biggs and Planning Director Debra Ensminger drove shelter attendees to UPHS for a shower. Two vans were also sent to Cumberland County to help evacuate residents.

Wendy Carter asked about the ability to call in; said it was mentioned prior to the last meeting but not mentioned this time. Stephanie confirmed it was a revision of the by-laws and approved by the BOC in September 2018. The option to do so will be included on all meeting notifications in the future.

A motion was made by Bob Huber to adjourn at 3:28 p.m. and a second by Wendy Carter. All were in favor.