

Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors
Grayson County Regional Mobility Authority (GCRMA)

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

The Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by GCRMA Board Chairman Jerdy Gary. Chairman Jerdy Gary, Vice-Chairman Ellis Olmstead, Secretary/Treasurer Kent Black, Bill Hubbard and Kay Yandell were present.

1. New Board Members

New board members were introduced and terms of office were reviewed. Ellis Olmstead and Bill Hubbard terms of office are until February 1, 2008. Kent Black and Kay Yandell terms of office are until Feb 1, 2009.

2. Consider approval of the minutes of the regular called meeting held June 29, 2006.

Chairman Gary laid out the meeting minutes of June 29, 2006; Kent Black moved for approval of the minutes. Ellis Olmstead seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously and the meeting minutes, as drafted were adopted.

3. Discuss updating RMA Website

Everyone was encouraged to visit the Grayson County RMA website and make suggested changes and/or additions. No action required.

4. Adopt TXDOT's Federally Approved Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program

After discussion with Bobby Littlefield, Director Engineer for TXDOT, and other discussions, Chairman Gary asked that the program be tabled until the next meeting.

5. Ratify Federal Grant Program entitled "Job Access and Reverse Commute" (JARC)

Chairman Gary sent letter dated April 12, 2007 endorsing the joint grant request of T.A.P.S. TCOG, WorkForce Texoma, and TXDOT as an excellent candidate for this program. Ellis Olmstead moved to ratify (JARC) and Bill Hubbard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Comments by County Judge Drue Bynum

Judge Drue Bynum addressed the board and thanked all members and challenged them to find the capital to do things that have not been done before. This is a team effort and the Judge and Commissioners Court are willing to help the RMA do their jobs better.

7. Briefing by Bobby Littlefield, District Engineer for TXDOT and Kevin Harris, PE Area Engineer

Bobby Littlefield addressed the board on RMA projects such as the North Tollway Extension and for the RMA to take the lead in RMA projects that expands mobility.

Kevin Harris addressed the board on major highway projects and presented a map with potential RMA projects.

Chairman Gary asked TXDOT to prioritize the potential RMA projects and that the RMA board would like to schedule their June meeting to be held at TXDOT new Facility at which time TxDot officials could make a presentation on these issues. Mr. Harris readily extended an invitation to the board to hold their next meeting in their offices.

8. Briefing by Jerry White, County Planner

Jerry White addressed the board on the County thorough fare plan with the proposed tollway alignment having been developed by the Grayson County Planning Board. He also discussed the impact of the Municipal Utility Districts (MUDs) near Gunter, Tioga, and Howe on transportation and capital.

9. Briefing by Commissioner Short on Hwy 289 Project

Commissioner Short addressed the board on the Hwy 289 project and gave a brief history of the project from a pay as you go to a pass through tollway project. He stated the road should be completed by June 2009 and the actual construction should be started in July or August 2007. Chairman Gary thanked Commission Short for all his hard work and leadership.

10. Briefing by Robert Wood, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Robert Wood addressed the board on the role of the MPO. The MPO is the link to the federal government and prioritize federal spending.

Chairman Gary thanked Robert Wood for his service.

11. Briefing by Brian Cassidy, Attorney

Brian Cassidy was unable to attend due to issues in the legislature. Brian is willing to come to the June RMA meeting and give a complete legislative update to the board.

12. Open Comment

Chairman Gary asked Kevin Harris for a recommended date to meet in late June.

13. Adjourn

Chairman Gary moved to adjourn the meeting and Ellis Olmstead seconded. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:20 a.m.