



### SPRTD BOARD MEETING

Cagle Steak & BBQ – 8732 4<sup>th</sup> St, Lubbock, TX 79424

August 15, 2023

### MINUTES

**I. Call to Order 6:02PM**

The meeting was called to order by Judge Marty Lucke.

Board Members Present	Board Members Absent
Judge Marty Lucke –Board Chair-Floyd County Judge Sheron Collins–Board Vice Chair–Hale County Judge Tony Serbantez-Terry County Commissioner Jim Daniel – Bailey County Erasmo Magallanes– Hockley County	Commissioner Terry Williams – Scurry County Commissioner John Hawthorne– Lynn County
Staff Present	Guest Present
Brian Baker – Transportation Director Ashley Bautista – Business Manager Veronica Herrera – Staff Accountant	

**II. Acknowledgement of Quorum by Chair**

A quorum was established.

**III. Consideration for Approval of the June 8, 2023 Minutes of the SPRTD Meeting**

*A motion was made to approve June 8, 2023, meeting minutes by Erasmo Magallanes and was seconded by Judge Tony Serbantez.*

*Motion passed.*

**IV. Public Comments**

There were no public comments made.

**V. Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Powell was in Boston for the National Community Action Foundation.

**VI. Action Items**

Judge Marty Lucke stated that all action items would be presented and then one motion be made for all 6 of them.



## Action Items

### 1. Consideration for approval of SPCAA SPARTAN Title VI Plan

Brian Baker said SPARTAN's Title VI Plan is updated every three years. Title VI ensures that no person is discriminated against using SPARTAN's public transit system. Public outreach activity and demographic information of our counties were two updates made to the plan. TxDOT gave SPCAA a concurrence to submit the plan for board approval.

### 2. Consideration for approval of SPCAA SPARTAN FY 2024 Section 5311 Federal Funds Application

Section 5311 federal funds application includes the amount that was increased from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). SPARTAN's standard amount is around 1.2 million dollars. Due to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law/IIJA, the amount increased to 1.7 million dollars. In order to keep the increase in FY 2025 and each subsequent year, SPARTAN must meet the performance metric of increased ridership.

### 3. Consideration for approval of SPCAA SPARTAN FY 2024 Rural State Operating Funds Application

The state and federal applications are very similar, but the state funding is less than the federal funding. The state budget is \$775,547. These funds will be used for operating and administration expenses. State funds can be used to match the federal funding because the operations portion of the federal funds is only 50% of operating.

### 4. Consideration for approval of SPCAA SPARTAN FY 2024 Rural State Project Grant Agreement

Brian Baker said the contract looks similar to the application. They are formula funds and we do not compete with other transit systems. The census numbers from 2010-2020 hurt SPARTAN because SPRTD counties are losing population, which is one factor of the funding formula. SPARTAN will be looking at new ways to offer services such as same day transportation.

### 5. Consideration for approval of SPCAA SPARTAN FY 2023 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Review

Veronica Herrera said the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter monitoring was completed in June. The review was from March through May. TxDOT was billed \$997,156 and they looked at construction and salaries. There were no findings.



**6. Consideration for approval of SPCAA SPARTAN NEMT Broker Report Cards**

Ashley Bautista said SPARTAN's May OTP (On Time Performance) was at 96% under its SafeRide contract. SafeRide requires the OTP to be at least 95%. June's OTP was at 95%. Modivcare requires SPARTAN to be at least 90%. June's OTP was at 89% and July was at 95% under the Modivcare contract. SPARTAN's OTP under its Access2Care contract for March was 83%, April was 84%, and May was 88%. SPARTAN will continue to work on getting its OTP up to 90% under its Access2Care Contract.

***Judge Marty Lucke entertained a motion for approval of the six action items presented.***

*Judge Sheron Collins motioned to approve the six action items presented.*

*Erasmio Magallanes seconded the motion.*

*All were in favor and the motion passed.*

**VII. Program Reports/Updates and Discussion**

**1. FY 2024 House Appropriations Bill – FTA Formula Grants**

The House Appropriations Committee, on July 18 passed by a 34-17 vote its bill to fund the Departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development (T-HUD) in FY 2024. Formula-based transit grants from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), including Sections 5307, 5310 and 5311, will see a 2.61 percent increase above this year's levels. However, these increases will not apply uniformly across all states and urban areas.

**2. TxDOT Semi-Annual Transit Operators Business Meeting**

TxDOT requested additional funds to adjust to the census outcome to maintain per capita funding. TxDOT also requested rural area expansion program funding asking for \$12 million biennial, \$6 million per year, to expand service in rural areas. The July commission meeting awarded 95 million dollars in funding. SPARTAN currently has funding for software and expansion vehicles. SPARTAN's upcoming goal is to use the funding for service expansion. There was \$13 million in unobligated intercity bus money. That money goes toward greyhound and charter carriers. Brian Baker commented on the 5311 intercity bus funding stating to distribute the funds across rural providers. Rural transportation can provide connections to greyhound. That will leave 3 million for special projects and coordinated calls.





3. **Next SPRTD Meeting:** October 26, 2023

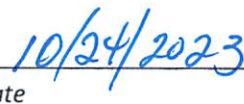
The board voted to have the meeting moved to Tuesday, October 24, 2023.

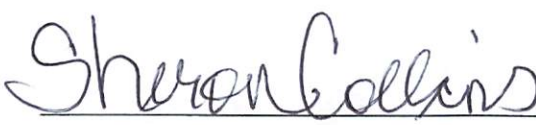
VIII. **Adjourn**

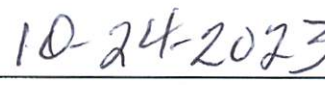
*Judge Marty Lucke adjourned the meeting. All members were in favor. Motion passed.*

*Meeting adjourned at 6:36pm.*

  
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Judge Marty Lucke, Chair SPRTD

  
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Judge Sharon Collins, Vice-Chair SPRTD

  
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