

TBARTA held a **Board Meeting** on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at the West Pasco Government Center.

### **Resolution 2020-10**

- Commissioner John Mitten (Hernando County) was recognized with Resolution 2020-10 for his dedication as a member of the TBARTA Board. In addition to serving on the Board, he also served as Vice Chairman of the Policy Committee and on the Finance and Legislative Committees. He has exemplified the spirit of regionalism by lending his support to improve transportation and mobility throughout the five counties served by TBARTA.

### **Presentations**

#### **Wisk Aero Air Taxi Manufacturer Overview (Dan Dolton)**

- The mission at Wisk is to deliver safe everyday flight for everyone. They currently have 300 employees, and are headquartered in San Francisco, with additional offices in New Zealand and Atlanta. They have over 120 patents and are backed by a joint venture of Boeing and Kitty Hawk. Wisk sees itself as true local partner by supporting job creation, stimulating the economy, and providing educational opportunities. The Cora model is a self-flying, two passenger, all electric eVOTL aircraft. It has a range of 20-50 miles, making it perfect as a last mile air taxi. 1400 flight tests have been completed with no failures. Wisk is currently in the site selection process for a pilot program and hopes to announce a location soon.

#### **LEITNER POMA Aerial Gondola Manufacturer Overview (Jon Muach)**

- The HTI group is comprised of 5 divisions: ropeways, snow groomers/tracked utility vehicles, snow making, urban transportation systems, and wind turbine generators. They have over 3,000 employees and various global production facilities/offices. They offer rope-hauled passenger systems for mountain applications and tourist gondolas, material transport for dams and mining, and cable driven urban airport passenger transportation systems. Monocable ropeways can serve up to 4500 pph and hold up to 10 passengers. Tricable/bicable ropeways can serve up to 6000 pph and hold 35 passengers. Benefits of this type of transportation include: low space requirements, continuous service, systems can be built in less than 1 year, are very safe, wheelchair accessibility, and low capital investment and operating costs. Current gondola sites include New York City, Hong Kong, Mexico City, Bolzano (Italy), Medellin and Santiago (Chili), Ankara (Turkey), and Volga River Crossing (Russia).

\*\*The complete presentations can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2UzT2EF>.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2021, 10:00 am, Manatee County Administrative Center.