

# Mountain RIDES

RECORDED

REGULAR MEETING  
MOUNTAIN RIDES TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
Wednesday, January 15, 2014, 1:00 p.m.  
Ketchum City Hall Meeting Room, Ketchum, Idaho

Board Members of the Mountain Rides Transportation Authority of the Cities of Bellevue, Hailey, Ketchum and Sun Valley, and Blaine County, State of Idaho, met in a Regular Meeting in the Ketchum City Hall Meeting Room, Ketchum, Idaho.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Susan McBryant, Vice-Chair Mark Gilbert (Sun Valley), Secretary Steve Wolper (at-large), Michael David (Ketchum), Nils Ribi (Sun Valley), Joe Miczulski (Bellevue), and David Patrie (Blaine County).

**ABSENT:** Peter Everett (Ketchum).

**ALSO** Mountain Rides Executive Director Jason Miller

**PRESENT:** Mountain Rides Business Manager/Treasurer Wendy Crosby  
Mountain Rides Operations Manager Jim Finch  
Administrative Support Coordinator Kim MacPherson

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

*Chair Susan McBryant called to order the meeting of Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 1:04 p.m.*

## 2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBER THOUGHTS

Chair McBryant noted her meeting with Nina Jonas, Ketchum Mayor, and expressed her thoughts that Ketchum continues to be supportive of MRTA. She further asked Board members to introduce themselves to municipal leaders.

## 3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA (including questions from Press)

None offered.

## 4. ACTION ITEMS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS (Action items were considered out of order and noted as such in these minutes.)

### a. Action item: (p.2-3)

*Approve reappointment of Steve Wolper as At-large Board member.*

Chair McBryant provided an overview of Mr. Wolper's involvement in the community and representative of MRTA. This is his second term on the Board. **Mark Gilbert moved to approve the reappointment of Steve Wolper as the at-large member of the Board. Mike David seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

### d. Action item: (p.14-15)

*Approve board and committee meeting calendar for 2014.*

Discussion included reasons for the order of meetings. **Nils Ribi moved to approve the board and committee calendar for 2014 as presented. Mark Gilbert seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.**

#### **7. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

##### **a. Approve minutes (p. 30-34)**

*i. Dec. 18 regular board meeting minutes, Dec. 11 special meeting.*

##### **b. Receive & File financials (p. 35-40)**

*i. November 2013.*

**Nils Ribi moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.** Chair McBryant clarified that the motion included items a and b on the Agenda. **Mike David seconded.** Discussion included that the F&P meeting did not meet, but the financials were distributed to all committee members. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**\*\*Chair McBryant advised there would be a strategic planning session on January 16, 2014.**

#### **4. ACTION ITEMS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS (Action items were considered out of order and noted as such in these minutes.)**

##### **e. Discussion item: (p.16-19)**

*Update from Kurt Eggers on Ketchum Transportation Hub design progress.*

Jason Miller provided an update on this project and introduced Mr. Eggers. Mr. Eggers then introduced his team present and further explained details of the project's progress, including positive responses from various stakeholders and ITD. Discussion included safety measures, whether ITD would require an encroachment permit, snowplow and storage concerns, traffic flow, parking impacts, the possibility of incorporating public art, bicycle parking, building material choices and maintenance. Discussion continued on Valley Route inclusion at the Hub, and planning for utilities. Board consensus was very supportive of the project.

Present for the Hub discussion item with Kurt Eggers: Jeff Loomis, Nathan Schutte, Trina Peters, Claudia McCain, Jen Smith and Dale Bates.

Chair McBryant opened for discussion the matter of naming the Hub intersection. Ketchum Mayor Jonas has requested keeping a western theme. Board members suggested names descriptive of location and function, simple and clear, yet unique.

##### **b. Action item: (p.4-7)**

*Approve Jason Miller management education program.*

Discussion included continuing education in the future. **Mark Gilbert moved to approve Mr. Miller's management education program. Mike David seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

##### **c. Action item (p.8-13)**

*Approve Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement between Mountain Rides and Blaine County for 2 county-owned lots in Southern Belle.*

Chair McBryant advised that this agreement was vetted at length by legal counsel on both sides. **Mark Gilbert moved to approve the Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement between Mountain Rides and Blaine County. Joe Miczulski seconded.** Comments included whether

permits and land use contingencies have been considered. It was recommended to lengthen the amount of time to confirm these matters in the inspection period, and to provide a signature line for legal counsel. Closing date schedule was discussed, contract language was clarified, and the importance of title insurance protection was considered. Further discussion included time restrictions on approval of a CUP, whether there are CC&Rs on this property. **Motion was amended to include a signature line as approved as to legal form. In a call for the question, the motion was unanimously carried.**

**f. Discussion item (p.20)**

*Discuss upcoming road and bridge levy proposal.*

Chair McBryant noted she was uncomfortable taking a position on this, and asked Mr. Miller for an overview. He added that this was intended as information on funding issues, and explained the proposed levy as an option. Discussion included whether MRTA should take a position on this or remain neutral.

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

No Committees in January.

**6. STAFF REPORTS**

**a. Dashboard performance reports for November 2013 (p.21-24)**

Discussion included ridership numbers, calculation errors, costs per hour and reasons for changes.

**b. Operations report (p.25)**

**c. Maintenance report (p.26)**

**d. Marketing and Outreach report (p.27)**

**e. Business Manager report (p.28)**

**f. Executive Director report (p.29)**

Jason Miller explained what occurred at his earlier meeting today at the DCC meeting in Twin Falls.

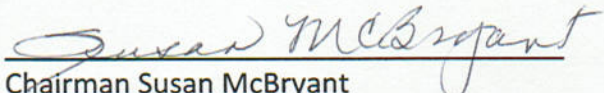
**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Pursuant to Idaho Statute 67-2345(1)(f) to discuss pending litigation, (1)(a) to discuss personnel*

**Nils Ribí moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Statute 67-2345(1)(f) to discuss pending litigation. Mark Gilbert seconded. Roll call vote: David Patrie, aye; Michael David, aye; Mark Gilbert, aye; Nils Ribí, aye; Joe Miczulski, aye; Steve Wolper, aye; Susan McBryant, aye.**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no other business to come before the Board, Board Member Nils Ribí moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:14 p.m., seconded by Board Member Mark Gilbert. Motion passed unanimously.**

  
Chairman Susan McBryant