



RECORDED

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MOUNTAIN RIDES TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Wednesday, October 15, 2014, 12:30 p.m.
Ketchum City Hall Meeting Room, Ketchum, Idaho**

Board Members of the Mountain Rides Transportation Authority met in a Regular Meeting in the Ketchum City Hall Meeting Room, Ketchum, Idaho.

PRESENT: Chairman Susan McBryant (Hailey), Vice-Chair Mark Gilbert (Sun Valley), Nils Ribi (Sun Valley), David Patrie (Blaine County) and Kristin Derrig (Ketchum)

ABSENT: Steve Wolper (At-Large), Michael David (Ketchum) and Joe Miczulski (Bellevue)

ALSO Mountain Rides Executive Director Jason Miller

PRESENT: Mountain Rides Operations Manager Jim Finch
Mountain Rides Business Manager Wendy Crosby
Support Specialist Kim MacPherson
Terry Smith, *Idaho Mountain Express*

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Susan McBryant called to order the meeting of Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 12:32pm.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBER THOUGHTS

Board member Nils Ribi recommended that the policy for choosing the external auditor be reviewed. This item will be added to the agenda for the special meeting on November 5, 2014. Chair Susan McBryant noted that she would like Mountain Rides to keep working on the development for locations for bus ticket kiosks.

Vice chair Mark Gilbert attended a few sessions at the CTAI conference last week and found them to be very enlightening, especially the one regarding ITD funding.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (including questions from Press)

Dave Galloway, a user of the Red Route, said thank you for not making any changes to the Red Route for winter.

Sun Valley mayor Dwayne Briscoe thanked Nils Ribi for the many years of service on the Mountain Rides board. And since this is an important position, he wants to wait until he has a full council to appoint another person when Nils Ribi's term is up this fall. He was also lobbying on behalf of Red Route Bus Buddies and thanked Mountain Rides for providing excellent service.

4. ACTION ITEMS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Action item:

Approve FY2015 transportation service plan.

Jason Miller stated that Mountain Rides is largely keeping service intact for the coming year, especially for peak winter service. Mountain Rides is aware of the need for additional service especially for Blue and Valley routes. For summer we are shortening the season by one week and filling in the morning service for Blue Route with Blue #2 starting and 7:30a instead of 10:30a. This plan allows for some flexibility in the future depending on funding.

Board member Mark Gilbert mentioned that staff did a great job of matching service to the budget. Mark Gilbert asked the Board and staff to try and think in advance where we would make service adjustments or trim service and try to do it outside the climate of urgency.

Board member Nils Ribí asked about the Green route and if there were funds to help reduce the midday gap. Jason Miller said we will possibly have funds available for peak season only and will know more in a week.

Mark Gilbert made a motion to approve and adopt the Mountain Rides' fiscal year 2015 transportation service plan, which details the schedules, routes and services that Mountain Rides will provide for the coming year, as presented and Nils Ribí seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Discussion item:

Review design concept for the South Valley facility.

Keevan Shropshire, JHS Architects, was reached by phone and gave an update to the design concept incorporating the comments by staff and board members from last month's meeting. The group preferred Design 1 with room for 6 buses and 16 parking spots. Keevan had also met with Craig Eckles from Bellevue. The next step will be to take this design to Bellevue P&Z for approval.

c. Discussion item:

Discuss improving board and committee meeting format, preparation and expectations.

Board member Susan McBryant started the discussion talking about the need for quorums and attendance. Jason Miller noted that we would like to improve expectations of the board and staff regarding the meetings. Things will always come up to affect the schedule and we need to know how to deal with them as we move forward. Jason also noted that the committee meeting materials are usually in draft form and are still in process. Jason also wanted to get clear on how we should proceed forward when he has a conflict and can't attend a meeting. The board made several comments about how to improve the guidelines, and the consensus was to try operating using these guidelines for a couple months to see how it goes.

5. Committee Reports

- a. No quorum for committees so the minutes will be moved to the November meeting.

6. Staff reports

- a. Dashboard performance reports for August 2014

b. Operations report

Jim Finch noted that we would like to reach 500,000 for ridership this year and we are on our way. Jim reminded us to put your “seat in the seat.” Jim also highlighted Mountain Rides’ great safety record this past year.

c. Marketing and Outreach report

Board member Nils Ribí asked about RouteMatch and how close we are to acceptance. Kim MacPherson said that there are still some reporting issues and we are waiting for those to be fixed.

d. Bike-Ped report

e. Business Manager report

f. Executive Director report

7. Consent Calendar items

a. Approve minutes for September 17th regular board meeting. **Nils Ribí moved to approve minutes with the dollar amounts noted for the budgets in Action Item #4 and Mark Gilbert seconded. Motions carried unanimously.**


b. Receive & File financials August 2014

Mark Gilbert moved to approve the financials. Dave Patrie seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

There was no Executive Session pursuant to 67-2345 (1)(c) to discuss employee evaluation because there was not a majority of the board present.

8. Adjournment

Mark Gilbert moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:55pm. Dave Patrie seconded and the motion carried unanimously.


Chairman Susan McBryant