



RECORDED

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MOUNTAIN RIDES TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Wednesday, December 21, 2016, 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: Chair David Patrie (Blaine County), Secretary Joe Miczulski (Bellevue), Becki Keefer (Hailey), Anne Corrock (Ketchum), Kristin Derrig (Ketchum), Joyce Fabre (Sun Valley) and Tory Canfield (at-large)

NOT PRESENT: Vice-chair Jane Conard (Sun Valley)

ALSO

PRESENT: Mountain Rides Executive Director Jason Miller
Mountain Rides Business Manager Tucker Van Law
Mountain Rides Operation Manager Jim Finch
Mountain Rides Maintenance Manager Ben Varner
Mountain Rides Support Specialist Kim MacPherson
Mountain Rides Operations Supervisor Stuart Gray
Mountain Rides Bike-Ped Coordinator Kaz Thea

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair David Patrie called to order the meeting of Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 12:33pm; Secretary Joe Miczulski took roll and determined that a quorum was present.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBER THOUGHTS

There were none.

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

There were none.

4. ACTION ITEMS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Action item:

Action to approve award of 35' heavy duty bus Request for Proposals 092016-1

Ben Varner stated that the original bid was released in September and Gillig and New Flyer were the respondents. We are very familiar with Gillig buses however New Flyer chose to bring a bus down and spend a day with staff showing them the bus. New Flyer came in as low bidder and was New Flyer was chosen which a new manufacturer is for us. This bus will be used for the Valley route. New Flyer has not looked at bids our size in the past but has started looking at smaller agencies. Mountain Rides openly communicated with both manufacturers. Both companies make great buses so it could have gone both ways. Jason Miller stated that Gillig would not provide financials being a privately held company. We were impressed with New

Flyer's internal process for quality control etc. The review committee consisted of Jason Miller, Ben Varner, Carlos Tellez, head mechanic, and a few operations staff members. Jason Miller stated that we are going with the low bid. We will be getting this bus 6 months ahead of other bidder and from a cost stand point we will be saving \$40-50,000. Training has been recommended for this bus and ITD said the training will be covered by RTAP. New Flyer has a very robust online training program. The price of the bus does include a bike rack as well. Ben Varner stated that there will not be a significant impact to holding parts for the bus. Jason Miller stated we buy "new" when we can. We will use the bus for 600-800,000 miles.

Joyce Fabre made a motion to approve to award RFP 092106-1 to New Flyer and move to authorize the Executive Director to execute the purchase contract in an amount not to exceed \$413,000. Joe Miczulski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Action item:

Action to approve award of purchase of fuel Invitation for Bid 2016-11-16

Ben Varner stated that this is our annual fuel bid and have working with United Oil for the last year. United oil was also the low bidder for this year. We changed the bidding process last year to be more cost plus and has been working well. Ben Varner stated he is able to track day to day. It is essential that we are able to fuel in Shoshone, ID. There was one other bidder that the price structure was non-conforming. In the past, when it was retail minus we would get 2-3 bidders.

Kristin Derrig made a motion to approve awarding the 2017 Fuel Bid to United Oil and authorize the Executive Director to sign the fuel contract for 2017. Tory Canfield seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Action item:

Action to approve board and committee meeting schedule for 2017

Joe Miczulski made a motion to approve the meeting schedule for 2017, as presented. Kristin Derrig seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Action item:

Action to approve board officers for 2017

Dave Patrie stated that Jane Conard will become chair, Joe Miczulski will continue with secretary. Kristin Derrig said yes to accept the nomination for board vice chair.

Becki Keefer made a motion to approve the following slate of officers for 2017: Jane Conard as chair, Kristin Derrig as vice-chair and Joe Miczulski as secretary. Tory Canfield seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

e. Action item:

Action to approve committee membership for 2017

Joe Miczulski made a motion to maintain the Planning and Marketing Committee and Finance and Performance Committee membership for 2017. Joyce Fabre seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jason Miller asked to amend agenda to add and action item.

Becki Keefer made a motion to amend the agenda to add an action item. The reason for amending the agenda during the meeting was that information just became available that we did not have prior to the meeting. Anne Corrock seconded and the motion carried.

h. Action item:

Approve adding Tucker Van Law to our various banking and benefit accounts as contact and taking Wendy Crosby off those accounts

Becki Keefer made a motion to approve adding Tucker Van Law to Mountain Rides' various banking and benefit accounts and taking Wendy Crosby off those accounts. Anne Corrock seconded and the motion carried.

f. Discussion item:

Discuss draft agenda for January strategic planning session

The meeting time will be from 11am – 3 pm at Ketchum City Hall on January 4th.

g. Discussion item:

Discuss e-bikes and regional discussion on e-bike policy

Dave Patrie stated that a county wide discussion has started around pedal assist e-bikes. These bikes are in the shops and being rented and technically are not allowed on the bike path.

Kaz Thea stated that it is based on horsepower for the City of Sun Valley. Sales of e-bikes are increasing. There is not an adequate policy regarding e-bikes.

Kaz said that they are looking at other states and how they are dealing with them. There is a working group who are preparing for the next meeting which will be on January 19th to present to the public. The group will be looking at getting public input on this subject.

Dave Patrie wants to encourage the Mountain Rides board to be involved in the conversation. The working group consists of the cities, Blaine County, BCRD, Mountain Rides, WRBC and St Luke's has been invited. The goal is to have one cohesive policy and coordinated effort for all. Michelle Stennett will be asked for input on the state level.

Tory Canfield stated that we should keep the shoulders on the highways for all transportation but we need to keep them updated.

E-bikes don't emit pollution and they don't make any noise.

Joe Miczulski asked about motorized wheelchairs on the bike path. Joe said he had some safety concerns regarding the speed that e-bikes can go and the Three-tiered system.

Dave Patrie stated that the bike path should be viewed as a transportation corridor.

Becki Keefer stated that she appreciates an alternative transportation corridor. The City of Hailey states that the path is for non-motorized use but motorized vehicles use it. Becki Keefer is torn as she is a walker and is conflicted. This is a great idea with the right restrictions on it. There are good and bad users. Wood River Trail is first and foremost for recreation.

5. Committee Reports

Planning & Marketing committee for December.

Committee members approved the minutes for Planning & Marketing for December.

Finance & Performance committee report for December.

Committee members approved the minutes for Finance & Performance for December.

6. Staff reports

- a. Dashboard performance reports for October 2016 – Jason Miller stated that we will break half a million riders for 2016. To get more service the three factors needed are funding, demand and political will.
- b. Operations report
- c. Marketing and Outreach report – Joyce Fabre asked about the “Symphony” bus in the summer. Kim MacPherson said we are doing outreach right now but we can always use help. Kristin Derrig said she would help with social media.
- d. Maintenance report – The 2002 used Gillig is running in Silver and Blue.
- e. Business Manager report
- f. Executive Director report – Dave Patrie asked about the Ketchum parking situation. Jason Miller went to the city council meeting and Mountain Rides is interested in being a part of the paid parking discussion. When there is an assembly place there are needs for more alternative transportation and needs to deal with on street parking. Jason Miller said it was a strong meeting regarding parking and kudos to the city for taking the lead. Anne Corrock said the demands on parking are due to employee parking and they will probably consider paid parking at the dollhouse parking lot. The development community wants more development rights and fewer requirements. City of Ketchum has been working on infrastructure needs.

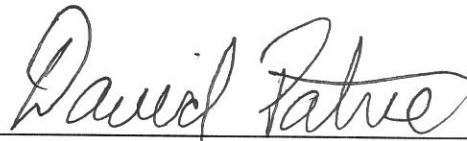
7. Consent Calendar items

- a. Approve minutes for November 16th regular board meeting
- b. Receive & File October 2016 financials and bills paid

Joyce Fabre moved to approve the consent calendar. Kristin Derrig seconded. The motion passed.

8. Adjournment

Tory Canfield moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:17pm. Becki Keefer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.



Chair David Patrie