



RECORDED

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MOUNTAIN RIDES TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Wednesday, December 19, 2018, 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 Kristin Derrig (Ketchum), Vice-chair Grant Gager (Ketchum), Secretary Tory Canfield (at-large), Dave Patrie (Blaine County), Rick Webking (Sun Valley), Jim Finch (Hailey), Tom Blanchard (Bellevue) and Peter Hendricks (Sun Valley) by phone

ALSO Mountain Rides Executive Director Wally Morgus

PRESENT: Mountain Rides Operations and Maintenance Manager Ben Varner
Mountain Rides Business Manager Tucker Van Law
Mountain Rides Community & Customer Relations Supervisor Kim MacPherson
Mountain Rides Bike-Ped Coordinator Michael David
Peter Jensen, *Idaho Mountain Express*
Brady Workman, Workman & Co. CPAs
Brad DuFur, Sun Valley City Council
Liji Waite, teacher WRHS
Cecilia Velasco, student WRHS
Edgar Salamanca, student WRHS
Jaqueline Tellez, student WRHS
Alondra Herrera, student WRHS

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kristin Derrig called to order the meeting of Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 12:33pm, Secretary Tory Canfield called roll and determined that a quorum was present.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBER THOUGHTS

Chair Kristin Derrig announced that this was Dave Patrie's last Mountain Rides meeting. She thanked him for his service for the last 6 years.

Dave Patrie said it's been a pleasure to work with everyone and said it's one of the best run organizations in the valley. It's been a pleasure to do 6 years and keep up the good work.

Tom Blanchard said there were many ballot measures that passed in the recent elections having to do with roads, bicycle and transit and they all did well.

Grant Gager thanked the staff for all their hard work over the next few weeks as this is the busiest time of year.

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

There were none.

4. Presentation: Wood River High School Dual Immersion Students’ Project, aka Messaging on Buses

Liji Waite from WRHS thanked the board for their time to listen to the students regarding their project.

Cecilia Velasco from WRHS said their class was regarding human rights.

Edgar Salamaca said they would like to put posters up in the buses regarding human rights and immigration.

Jaqueline Tellez said the posters would have information for undocumented students and the “dreamers” program with help for going to higher education.

Alondra Herrera said their message will concentrate on how to help the students.

Wally Morgus asked what their message was and who is their target audience. Alondra Herrera said their audience is the immigrants.

Kristin Derrig asked about having a website on the poster for more information.

Wally Morgus would like the group to take ownership of the message on the poster.

Peter Hendricks wanted to see a copy of the poster which Kim MacPherson sent by text.

Rick Webking suggested that Kim MacPherson help with the layout of the poster.

Dave Patrie made a motion to amend the agenda to move action item #9 up to the next topic. Tom Blanchard seconded and the motion passed.

9. Action item:

Approve WRHS Dual Immersion Students’ Project re: Messaging on buses

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Tory Canfield asked about PSA’s and non-profits in the valley and the process in which to get posters in the buses. The policy is on our website in the advertising section.

Kristin Derrig suggested changing the format to make more readable.

Peter Hendricks is concerned with the “DACA” information on the poster. Rick Webking said it may have political overtones with what is going on with immigration and what is going on at the federal government level. Peter Hendricks googled “DACA” and the first thing that came up is that they won’t support Trump’s wall. Peter thinks we are on a very thin edge right here advocating that Mountain Rides is in favor of that. He thinks we need to take a hard look at the political policy.

Dave Patrie said that DACA is not political, it is an adopted policy of the United States. There may be people who like it or don’t just the same as taxes. If this becomes an informational poster, then he is comfortable moving forward with this.

Grant Gager agrees with Dave Patrie. Grant Gager found the poster to be informational. Grant Gager said, “Who can argue about informational opportunities for young kids no matter where they are from?”

Grant Gager directs staff to work with this group to get the posters on the buses and not only the valley buses but all the buses including the Blue Route buses as well.

Grant Gager moves to approve the installation of posters made by the WRHS Dual Immersion students pending format changes and policy requirements working with Mountain Rides. Dave Patrie seconded. Tom Blanchard supports the motion and suggested the board having a discussion regarding informational and political advocacy. He suggested for this to be a discussion at an upcoming meeting. **The motion passed.**

5. Presentation: Workman & Co. CPAs, FYE Sep 30, 2018, Audited Financial Statements

Brady Workman made a presentation regarding the Fiscal year 2018 audited financial statements for Mountain Rides. Brady commended staff on the work done for the audit and said it is an “unmodified” audit which is the highest-level audit you can get. Rick Webking thanked Brady Workman for his thorough work on the audit.

6. Action: Approve/receive/file FY2018 Audited Financial Statements as prepared by Workman & Co. CPAs

Tom Blanchard moves to approve the receipt and filing of Mountain Rides FY2018 audited financial statements, as prepared by workman & Company CPAs. Tory Canfield seconded. The motion passed.

7. Consent Calendar items

- a. Approve minutes: Regular board meetings for October 17, 2018
- b. Receive/File: Financial Statements and Bills Paid report for September 2018
- c. Receive/file: October 2018 Performance Dashboard report
- d. Receive/file: Finance & Performance Committee, Nov 7, 2018 & Dec 5, 2018, Minutes
- e. Receive/file: Planning & Marketing Committee, Dec 5, 2018, Minutes
- f. Receive/file: Staff reports from COO, Business Manager, Community & Customer Relations Supervisor, Executive Director
- g. Approve purchase of four (4) vanpool vans re: MRTA RFP 2018 Commuter Vans, not to exceed \$175,000
- h. Approve/adopt: Mountain Rides’ FY2019 Organization, Positions, Pay Scale

Dave Patrie moved approve the consent calendar for items b-h (minus a). Tom Blanchard seconded. The motion passed.

Dave Patrie moved approve the minutes (item 4a) from the regular board meeting with the changes made. Tom Blanchard seconded. The motion passed. Peter Hendricks abstained.

The group talked about the dashboard and ridership. We are on track to exceed the ridership numbers from last year.

8. Action item:

Action: Elect MRTA Board of Directors’ Officers and Committee Chairpersons

Dave Patrie stated he would like to keep the same officers as slated currently which are Kristin Derrig as chair, Grant Gager as vice chair and Tory Canfield as secretary and keep the same committee chairs. Rick Webking seconded. Tom Blanchard said he agreed to elongate the officer roles so the person in the roles can learn the mechanisms. The motion passed.

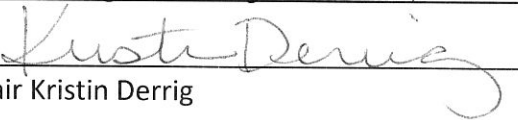
10. Discussion item:

Confirm MRTA BoD Special Meeting re: Strategic Action Planning, Jan 2, 2019, 10:00am – 2:00pm

Wally Morgus asked the board where they would prefer to hold the Strategic Action Planning meeting. The group decided to have the meeting at Ketchum City Hall on January 2, 2019. Tory Canfield will not be able to make it.

11. Adjournment

Tory Canfield moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:30pm. Dave Patrie seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.


Chair Kristin Derrig