



RECORDED

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MOUNTAIN RIDES TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Wednesday, March 20, 2019, 12:30 p.m.
Ketchum City Hall Meeting Room, Ketchum, Idaho**

The Mountain Rides Transportation Authority's Board of Directors 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) (by phone), Jim Finch (Hailey) and Kathy Kristenson (Blaine County)

ABSENT: Rick Webking (Sun Valley), Tom Blanchard (Bellevue) and Peter Hendricks (Sun Valley)

ALSO PRESENT: Mountain Rides Executive Director, Wally Morgus
Mountain Rides Director, Transit Operations, Ben Varner
Mountain Rides Director, Finance & Administration, Tucker Van Law
Mountain Rides Director, Community Development, Kim MacPherson
Peter Jensen, *Idaho Mountain Express*

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kristin Derrig called to order the meeting of Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 12:30pm. Grant Gager called roll and determined that a quorum was present.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBER THOUGHTS

Kristin Derrig mentioned that she rode the 1:20am Blue Route bus home last night and there were 7 people on the bus at that hour.

Grant Gager thanked the staff for all their hard work through this busy winter season including February with all the snow.

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

There was none.

4. ACTION ITEM: Approve Consent Calendar items

- a. Approve minutes: Regular board meeting, Feb 20, 2019
- b. Receive/file: Performance Dashboard report for February 2019
- c. Receive/file: Financial Statements and Bills Paid reports for January 2019
- d. Receive/file: Planning & Marketing Committee, Mar 6, 2019, Minutes & Report from Chair
- e. Receive/file: Finance & Performance Committee, Mar 6, 2019, Minutes & Report from Chair

- f. Receive/file: Reports from Director, Community Development; Director, Transit Operations; Director, Finance & Administration; Executive Director
- g. Approve: Excess Operating Funds policy
- h. Approve: Distribution of MRTA RFP #1904-001-MRTA (Alternate Fuel Technology Consultant)

Grant Gager moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Jim Finch seconded. The motion passed.

5. DISCUSSION ITEM: Summer 2019 Service Plan Considerations

Wally Morgus highlighted the changes route by route that staff suggests for the upcoming summer schedule.

Blue Route: Wally Morgus said operationally, ending the Blue Route at midnight would work better. Grant Gager asked about the ridership from 1:00 – 2:00am. To end the route earlier is a major change for the Blue Route. The Ketchum police also appreciate the late-night bus. Staff showed ridership numbers for the last few years for the Blue Route by trip.

Kristin Derrig said there is not a lot of taxi services available to help drive people home from the bars.

Wally said we will stay with the current schedule ending at 2:05am.

Red Route: Wally Morgus said there will be service during the symphony weeks.

Hailey Route: Wally Morgus said Hailey route will run from 8am-5pm instead of to 6pm. He suggested that Hailey town route should be fare free like the other town routes in our system. The fare was instituted many years ago when Hailey didn't fully fund the service. Jim Finch agrees that it should be treated like a town route and should be fare free. Grant Gager asked if the City of Hailey wanted it to be fare free.

Wally Morgus said the City of Hailey is not interested in getting us back to whole and doesn't want to increase their funding for Mountain Rides.

Jim Finch said having the route be fare free and if the ridership increased would show how important transit can be to Hailey.

Valley Route: Wally Morgus said we will have the holidays this summer (2 days) run on the Saturday schedule rather than the Sunday schedule.

Summer Silver and Ketchum Circulator Routes: Wally Morgus said both routes are contingent on funding. There is a good argument to be made for service from Sun Valley to River Run in the summer.

Grant Gager said that we have reconfirmed that the Valley route is the backbone of the system. When we meet for service planning for FY20, we should look at adding service to the Valley route especially late-night hours.

Kathleen Kristenson suggested adding hours to the Valley route more than frequency.

Kristen Derrig suggested that the owners of The Mint would like to see more late-night service. Riders would like to go between Ketchum and Hailey for various events.

Wally Morgus said by adding to the Valley Route, there is a modicum of safety by putting people on the buses.

Grant Gager said there are restaurateurs that are driving their employees and customers home late night. Kristin Derrig agreed, and she has also driven customers home.

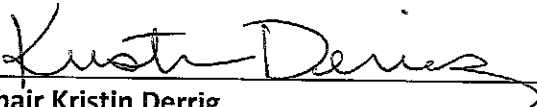
6. Executive Session: Per Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b), to discuss personnel matters

Grant Gager made a motion that the Mountain Rides' Board of Directors enter Executive Session as authorized by Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b) at 1:40pm. Jim Finch seconded.

Roll call: Jim Finch, Grant Gager, Kristin Derrig and Kathleen Kristenson.
Grant Gager stated return to open/public session at 1:50pm.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Jim Finch moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:50pm. Grant Gager seconded. The motion carried unanimously.


Chair Kristin Derrig