



RECORDED

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MOUNTAIN RIDES TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Wednesday, April 15, 2020, 10:00 a.m.
Conference Call**

The Mountain Rides Transportation Authority's Board of Directors met in a Regular Meeting on a conference call.

PRESENT: Chair Tom Blanchard (Bellevue), Vice-chair Kathleen Kristenson (Blaine County), Secretary Grant Gager (Ketchum), Melody Mattson (at-large), Kristin Derrig (Ketchum), Juan Martinez (Hailey) and Rick Webking (Sun Valley)

ABSENT: Peter Hendricks (Sun Valley)

ALSO PRESENT: Mountain Rides Executive Director, Wally Morgus
Mountain Rides Director, Finance & Administration, Tucker Van Law
Mountain Rides Director, Transit Operations, Ben Varner
Mountain Rides Director, Community Development, Kim MacPherson
Safe Routes Coordinator, Cece Osborn
Mountain Rides Operations Manager, Stuart Gray

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tom Blanchard called to order the meeting of Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 10:00am via conference call. Grant Gager called roll and determined that a quorum was present.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR, BOARD MEMBERS and STAFF

Tom Blanchard said he hopes everyone is doing well.

Wally Morgus told the board that Mountain Rides is up and running and ticking along. All drivers for the most part are healthy. Maintenance is doing well and redoubled efforts to clean the buses. Management team is working remotely and checking in with each other daily.

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 of Regular board meeting, March 18, 2020
- b. Receive/file: Performance Dashboard report for Mar 2020
- c. Receive/file: Financial Statements and Bills Paid Reports for Feb 2020
- d. Receive/file: Planning & Marketing Committee, Apr 1, 2020, Minutes
- g. Receive/file: Finance & Performance Committee, Apr 1, 2020, Minutes

- h. Receive/file: Reports from Director, Community Development; Director, Transit Operations; Director, Finance & Administration; Safe Routes Coordinator; Executive Director

Kathleen Kristenson moved to approve, receive, file and adopt the Consent Agenda. Kristin Derrig seconded. The motion passed.

5. ACTION ITEM:

Approval to Execute Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement (117 Clover Street, Bellevue, ID)
Wally Morgus negotiated a purchase price with the owners for \$232,000 which will be a capital expenditure. Eighty percent of that will be underwritten by a one-time grant from the FTA/ITD received for the purchase, \$185,600 and \$46,400 will be underwritten by our local match.

Wally Morgus and Tucker Van Law have been in talks with the grant officer at ITD regarding the CARES Act funding and there may be an opportunity for this money to be used for the local match. It is not confirmed yet but ITD is aware of how much the virus has affected Blaine County. At this point, we are waiting for the Concurrence from the FTA.

Melody Mattson asked when it was due to close. There is a 60-day period waiting for the concurrence, but it could happen sooner.

Rick Webking asked about the due diligence, surveys, title search, environmental study etc. Wally Morgus stated it will all be done as part of the closing and is written into the Purchase and Sale agreement. A categorical exception for an environmental study has been filed with the FTA.

Melody Mattson used to work as a title officer and said that a survey of record will be available after you open escrow. A property profile is available for free from any title company prior to opening escrow. Wally Morgus will follow up with this.

Our legal counsel drafted the purchase and sale agreement and will guide us through the process.

Juan Martinez said good job preparing all of this. He asked about the market value appraisal. He asked about the appraisal price vs. the sale price. Wally Morgus said we started at the market value 18 months ago which was rejected by the owners and have settled on this amount.

Kristin Derrig moved to authorize the Executive Director to execute the Real Estate Purchase and Sale agreement, including the Purchase Price of \$232,000 and Contingencies as drafted therein, for real property located at 117 Clover Street, Bellevue, Idaho, County of Blaine, State of Idaho, and legally described as Southern Belle Business park Lot 5 Block 1. Juan Martinez seconded. Roll call: Tom Blanchard, aye, Kathleen Kristenson, aye, Grant Gager, aye, Kristin Derrig, aye, Juan Martinez, aye, Rick Webking, aye, and Melody Mattson, aye. The motion passed.

6. ACTION ITEM:

Approval to Negotiate and Execute Contract for Services (Electrical Engineer)

Wally Morgus said the electrical engineering services is part of pre-project planning for the installation and getting ready for the charging infrastructure for the battery electric buses. This is part of the budget approved by the board which is phase 1 of electrification in March 2020. We sent out an RFQ and received two replies, one from Power Engineers in Hailey and one from Musgrove Engineering in Boise. Staff reviewed the qualifications and concluded that Power Engineers in Hailey would be the best choice as electrical engineer. It was largely based

on their proposal of managing the process as opposed to being more of a consultant to our managing the process.

Ben Varner said that was a great summary. With the Musgrove RFP, there was a lot of assisting but with Power Engineers they would look at the project for the long term. Mountain Rides is good at public transportation, but we are not good at construction. We need a firm to take this project and run with it.

Juan Martinez said this is really exciting stuff. Great partnership and great work.

Kristin Derrig agreed with Juan and it will be good to work with Power.

Kathleen Kristenson moved to approve Mountain Rides’ engagement with POWER Engineers for Electrical Engineering and Owner’s Representative Services pertaining to MRTA’s fleet electrification and attendant facilities and infrastructure build-out; and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate terms, within the approved budget for the project, and execute an agreement for said Services on behalf of MRTA. Juan Martinez seconded.

Juan Martinez wanted to say thanks to the employees and extend his gratitude to staff. Tom Blanchard agreed.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Juan Martinez moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:26am. Kristin Derrig seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



Chair Tom Blanchard