



RECORDED

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MOUNTAIN RIDES TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Wednesday, June 17, 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), Melody Mattson (at-large), Kristin Derrig (Ketchum), Juan Martinez (Hailey), Peter Hendricks (Sun Valley) and Rick Webking (Sun Valley)

ABSENT: Secretary Grant Gager (Ketchum)

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tom Blanchard called to order the meeting of Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 10:00am via conference call, took roll and determined that a quorum was present.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR, BOARD MEMBERS and STAFF

Tom Blanchard wanted to thank everyone for the work that is being done and that we are being enormously successful in so many ways.

Kristin Derrig gave an update that town (Ketchum) was really picking up and they have seen a lot of tourists. She said she is getting a lot of questions about when the Blue route will be running late. Staff answered that the Blue route started running later on Monday, June 15th.

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

There were none.

4. ACTION ITEM: Approve Consent Calendar items

- a. Approve: Minutes of Special board meeting, March 16 and Regular board meeting, April 15, 2020
- b. Receive/file: Performance Dashboard report for April 2020
- c. Receive/file: Financial Statements and Bills Paid Reports for Mar 2020
- d. Receive/file: Planning & Marketing Committee, May 6, 2020, Minutes
- g. Receive/file: Finance & Performance Committee, May 6, 2020, Minutes

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

Rick Webking asked about the minutes and in paragraph 8 needs to be edited. Kim MacPherson will take care of that. Rick Webking asked about the cost of town ridership in the dashboard.

Tucker Van law said he would look into it, but he said it could be a timing issue and sometimes we have maintenance spikes.

Both Tom Blanchard and Rick Webking commented on how low ridership is currently.

Wally Morgus said we are at about 45-50% of last year's ridership at this point.

Peter Hendricks said there were a lot of cars with license plates from Washington and Montana. He also mentioned there were a lot of second homeowners and people looking for long term rentals for several months.

Peter Hendricks moved to approve, receive, file, and adopt the Consent Agenda with amendments that Kim MacPherson will make to the minutes. Kristin Derrig seconded. The motion passed.

5. DISCUSSION ITEM:

FY20 Grant Cycle & Awards

Wally Morgus said he wanted to see in total where we are with respect to grants. He also stated that when you look down at the bottom line and basically 90% of our funding, for capital, and operations over the next 2 to 5 years is coming from grant awards and 8% of that funding is coming from the local joint powers match of that of that funding. He sees that as an infusion of stimulus money in the economy. We as Mountain Rides should be proud and happy to be able to do that for our community.

Rick Webking said that a lot of the money is going to other states.

Tom Blanchard said that the purpose of the stimulus fund is to stimulate across the national economy. So by getting that, even though that money is going out of the community, its going into the national economy, and if that occurs in every little community, what we see is an enhancement of that hope for the recovery. I think we are playing an important national role there, even though the local component is much smaller.

Rick Webking said the local component is still a valid comparison with \$6.7 million of 5311 funds. Rick is speaking to the 8% of the Joint Powers funding and (what Wally stated) the local economy has been enhanced and said that (*referring to the local economy being enhanced*) is not true. Capital funds are going out of state.

Wally Morgus said because there is at least \$6.5 million of local economy money, 5311, and the cares funding. 92% is coming from grant sources and 8% is coming from local funding. He agrees with Rick Webking in that the impacts on the local economy is being driven by the 5311 money. Our total funding of the organization is the 92%/8%.

- 6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Per Idaho Code 74-206(b), to consider the evaluation of a staff member; and Idaho Code 74-206(c), to discuss a real estate acquisition

Kristen Derrig made a motion that the Mountain Rides' Board of Directors enter Executive Session as authorized by Idaho Code 74-206 (b) and 74-206 (c). Melody Mattson seconded. The motion passed. Roll call: Kathleen Kristensen, aye, Kristin Derrig, aye, Juan Martinez,

aye, Peter Hendricks, aye, Rick Webking, aye, Melody Mattson, aye, and Tom Blanchard, aye.

7. Chair Tom Blanchard stated we will return to open/public session

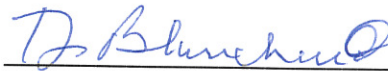
8. ACTION ITEM:

Per Executive Session

There was none.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Tom Blanchard moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:30am. Peter Hendricks seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



Chair Tom Blanchard