



RECORDED

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MOUNTAIN RIDES TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 1:00 p.m.  
Conference Call and in person, Community Library, Ketchum**

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

**PRESENT:** Chair Kathleen Kristenson (Blaine County), Vice-chair Melody Mattson (at-large), Kristin Derrig (Ketchum), Secretary Rick Webking (Sun Valley), Peter Hendricks (Sun Valley), Neil Bradshaw (Ketchum), Martha Burke (Hailey), and Tom Blanchard (Bellevue)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mountain Rides Executive Director, Wally Morgus  
Mountain Rides Director, Finance & Administration, Tucker Van Law  
Mountain Rides Director, Assets & Planning, Ben Varner  
Mountain Rides Director, Transit Operations, Kim MacPherson  
Mountain Rides Manager, Transit Operations, Jamie Canfield  
Mountain Rides Admin Coordinator, Jerry Garcia  
Mountain Rides Manager, Mobility Programs and Resilience, Cece Osborn  
Brady Workman, Workman & Co. CPA's  
Emily Jones, *Idaho Mountain Express*  
Heather Dawson, City of Hailey Administrator  
Juan Martinez, Ex-officio board Member, City of Hailey

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Kathleen Kristenson called to order the meeting of Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at 1:00 pm via conference call and in person at the Community Library. Secretary Rick Webking called roll and determined that a quorum was present.

**2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR, BOARD MEMBERS, and STAFF**

Wally Morgus said he wanted to add a couple of things to the agenda. Wally would like to make a strategic planning session for the Board. Also, look at the Ketchum City Hall meeting facilities for a location. He would like to have them as an option for future meetings.

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

There was none.

**4. Presentation: Workman & Co. CPA's, FY2021 Audited Financial Statements**

Brady Workman of Workman & Co. CPAs presented the FY2021 audited financial statements for Mountain Rides with an "unmodified audit report," which is the highest audit report they can give.

**5. ACTION ITEM:**

*Approve/receive/file FY2021 Audited Financial Statements*

Peter Hendricks asked Brady if he could mention any glaring weaknesses or changes, or deficiencies that he would suggest. Brady Workman answered, "no."

Rick Webking said the Finance & Performance Committee went through the financials of the entire package, management, analysis, and discussion. The conclusion reached by Workman & Co. on the single audit was that there were no weaknesses. One scorecard item for the staff is that no adjustments were necessary, and the books were clean.

**Peter Hendricks moved to approve/receive/file the FY2021 Audited Financial statements as prepared by Workman & Co. CPA's. Neil Bradshaw seconded. The motion passed**

**6. Consent Calendar items**

- a. Approve: Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, November 17, 2021
- b. Receive/file: Performance Dashboard report for November 2021
- c. Receive/file: September 2021 Operating Financial Statements and Bills Paid and September 2021 quarterly Capital, Facilities, Workforce Housing, and Contingency Fund Financial Statements and Bills Paid
- d. Receive/file: Minutes of Planning & Marketing Committee Meeting, December 8, 2021
- e. Receive/file: Minutes of Finance & Performance Committee Meeting, December 8, 2021
- f. Approve: Purchase of \$100 Gift Card from Atkinson's Markets for each Mountain Rides' employee; to be distributed to each employee as a Holiday Bonus
- g. Receive/file: Reports from Director, Assets & Planning; Director, Transit Operations; Director, Finance & Administration; Manager, Transit Operations; Manager, Mobility Programs & Resiliency; Executive Director

Peter Hendricks noticed that the total ridership on town and valley routes is just about where they were in 2020. Peter also asked if we could look at the vanpool service and if it is worthwhile?

Kim MacPherson said they pay .62 cents per mile, and Tucker Van Law added that is essentially break-even.

Wally Morgus stated he was doing some comparisons of the ridership. As this fiscal year begins, the first two months, October and November on the Valley route, the star route, we are back at 99.8% fiscal year to date. On the blue route and north part of the valley here FY22 versus FY19, we are about 68% year to date on the Blue route. On the Hailey route, we are about 76% versus FY19.

Rick Webking asked how the data was being collected?

Kim MacPherson responded that when RouteMatch was working the drivers were entering riders at every stop. Now they are on paper, and we are still entering the riders in RouteMatch. We are in the process of transitioning to TransLoc and by January 15<sup>th</sup>, we hope it is up and running and will not be inputting information into Route Match anymore.

Wally said we have automatic passenger counters involved with the TransLoc system so that there will be no pilot error on counting passengers.

Rick asked if we had ever made it to 15 passengers per hour?

Kim said yes, we used to make it quite often, but then covid hit. So, we are bouncing back like other agencies in the country.

Rick asked about the accident in October and the incident in November.

Jamie Canfield said that the incidents were simple fixes.

Neil Bradshaw moved to approve, receive, file, and adopt the Consent Agenda. Melody Mattson seconded. The motion passed.

**7. DISCUSSION ITEM:**

*Evening & Late-Night Service on Blue & Valley Routes*

Wally Morgus stated that we met with the Ketchum police department, Sun Valley police department, and the person in charge of security for the resort, and Mayor Bradshaw. The group discussed a cooperative effort regarding helping the late-night bus drivers and situations that happen after midnight. Wally appreciated the arriving with palms up by both police captains, saying, “yes, we will do whatever it takes to support and make this happen.”

Neil Bradshaw said let’s continue to monitor and react accordingly and not get ahead of ourselves and worry about things that haven’t happened yet. There are a couple of phone numbers one is 911 if there is truly an incident. The other is 788-5555 which is really to try and the police backup and support that people need.

Wally said we are having our drivers, to the extent that they can, make sure that people going back to the dorms get off at the Horsemen’s Center stop rather than going around the corner and getting off by the condos.

Jamie Canfield stated basically, we had more people than we could pick up at the end of the night. At 1:40am when the driver went by Wells Fargo there were between 40 and 50 people waiting to get on the bus. Jamie said the driver reacted responsibly. He had the Ketchum police there, and he had the Sun Valley police wait at the Sun Valley stop. Everything was done correctly but people were left behind.

Tom asked what happens to the people that are left behind, do we have a policy on that?

Kim MacPherson said we are trying to let people know when our last bus is and try to encourage them to use our schedule.

**8. DISCUSSION ITEM:**

*Items of Interest to the Board*

Wally Morgus recommended that we have our strategic planning session as we had most recently two years ago. He thought it was a really good session which was facilitated by Katrina Vanden Heuvel and would like to bring her back.

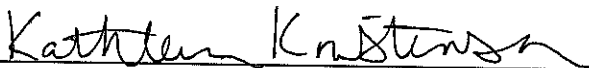
Neil Bradshaw said if you are willing to move to a Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> would work for me. The group agreed on January 20<sup>th</sup> for the meeting.

Wally also suggested switching our meeting venue to Ketchum City Hall.

Neil said let’s make sure it gets booked/scheduled and we have one of your staff person to monitor the technology.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Kristin Derrig moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:31 pm. Tom Blanchard seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

  
Chair Kathleen Kristenson