



RECORDED

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MOUNTAIN RIDES TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
Wednesday, October 20, 2021, 12:30 p.m.  
Conference Call**

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

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Kristin Derrig (Ketchum)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mountain Rides Executive Director, Wally Morgus  
Mountain Rides Director, Finance & Administration, Tucker Van Law  
Mountain Rides Director, Transit Operations, Kim MacPherson  
Emily Jones, Idaho Mountain Express  
Heather Dawson, City of Hailey

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Kathleen Kristenson called to order the meeting of Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at 12:30pm via conference call. Secretary Rick Webking called roll and determined that a quorum was present.

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

Tom Blanchard asked if the board meeting times could change to 1:00pm to line up with the bus schedule. The group agreed to change the time to 1:00pm.

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

There was none.

**4. Consent Calendar items**

- a. Approve: Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, September 15, 2021
- b. Receive/file: Performance Dashboard report for September 2021
- c. Receive/file: August 2021 Operating Financial Statements and Bills Paid
- d. Receive/file: Minutes of Planning & Marketing Committee Meeting, October 6, 2021
- e. Receive/file: Minutes of Finance & Performance Committee Meeting, October 6, 2021

- f. Receive/file: Reports from Director, Transit Operations; Director, Finance & Administration; Director, Assets & Planning; Manager of Transit Operations; Manager, Mobility Programs and Resilience; Executive Director
- g. Approve/adopt: Banking Resolution
- h. Approve/adopt: Passenger Wi-Fi and Content Policy
- i. Approve/adopt: Van Purchase RFP for four vans

**Neil Bradshaw moved to approve, receive, file, and adopt the Consent Agenda. Juan Martinez seconded. The motion passed.**

## **5. DISCUSSION ITEM:**

### *Board Member Expansion*

Wally Morgus opened this up to the board members for discussion. Wally Morgus stated that within our by-laws currently, we have the ability to have ex-officio board members. The ex-officio member would have a full voice in the committee discussion, just not an official vote. Juan Martinez stated the City of Hailey has some new positions coming on and one of those is a grant writer. The writer will write grants for the City of Hailey and may include Mountain Rides.

Peter Hendricks stated that he was in favor of ex-officio members with expertise which we have taken care of with the JPA and if there are people interested and knowledgeable about transportation, bring them on. We would welcome the input.

Neil Bradshaw said we are all in this together and it's about moving people efficiently and in an environmentally friendly way around the valley. We recognize the value and that why we put so much money in and would like the other jurisdictions to put more money in.

Rick Webking stated that as far as he understood that the service level provided is adequate in respect to financial contributions. He said Hailey seems to be lagging and at one point charged a fare on the Hailey route. Mountain Rides has fantastic services for visitors and residents of the Wood River Valley.

Heather Dawson from the City of Hailey joined the meeting. She said Hailey has net every one of those funding requests. They postponed the capital funding and are looking at their ARPA funds for that instead of LOT funding.

Wally Morgus stated that there was no additional request from the City of Hailey over and above what we had been doing in prior years with respect to capital funds. All we did this year, and we did this for all of our partners in our funding request, we broke out what we had done as an internal allocation of the funding that we are receiving, both operating and capital money. We looked to restore the FY19 funding levels which is the normal increase in the funding.

Neil Bradshaw asked Juan Martinez what are the services that the City of Hailey would like to see and how would you like to fund them? This may be a good question at budget time.

Tom Blanchard is encouraging the City of Hailey to start an ex-officio position for more support for Mountain Rides. The more we encourage Hailey to build Mountain Rides into their system starting with an ex-officio member and see where that can take them, budget increasing and participation.

Wally Morgus treats the joint powers collectively and our system and for passengers and those we serve holistically.

Juan Martinez said he feels that Hailey's contribution hasn't been enough.

**6. DISCUSSION ITEM:**

*Items of Interest to the Board*

There were none.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Neil Bradshaw moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:19pm. Juan Martinez seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

  
Chair Kathleen Kristenson