



RECORDED

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MOUNTAIN RIDES TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Wednesday, May 19, 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), Kristin Derrig (Ketchum), Juan Martinez (Hailey) and Tom Blanchard (Bellevue)

NOT PRESENT: Neil Bradshaw (Ketchum)

ALSO PRESENT: Mountain Rides Executive Director, Wally Morgus
Mountain Rides Director, Finance & Administration, Tucker Van Law
Mountain Rides Director, Assets & Infrastructure, Ben Varner
Mountain Rides Director, Community Mobility, Kim MacPherson
Mountain Rides Manager of Transit Operations, Jamie Canfield

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kathleen Kristenson called to order the meeting of Wednesday, May 19, 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

Kathleen Kristenson said thank you the Mountain Rides staff for the work that you do.

Tom Blanchard asked about the possible new bus shelter in Bellevue. Wally Morgus stated that it is a work in process.

Rick Webking welcomed Jamie Canfield to the meeting and congratulated him on his promotion to Manager of Transit Operations.

Wally Morgus said we are still bound as public transportation funded by the FTA and under the guidelines issued by the FTA and the CDC to require masks on our buses. And thus far, we have had no pushback from riders about continuing to wear masks. He also said we are filling seats on the buses but are not allowing standees. We are back to pre-pandemic levels on the Valley route.

Kristin Derrig asked if the board wanted to meet in person in the near future. Mountain Rides will look into spaces available.

Peter Hendricks asked about the TF/NEMT route. Wally Morgus said we've been running it now for a month and a half and like any new service or pilot, it's going to take awhile to gain the traction.

Peter Hendricks said he believes it is a benefit and necessary service that we're providing.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA (incl. questions from Press)**
There were none.

4. **Consent Calendar items**

- a. Approve: Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, Apr 21, 2021
- b. Receive/file: Performance Dashboard report for April 2021
- c. Receive/file: Minutes of Finance & Performance Committee Meeting, May 5, 2021
- d. Receive/file: Reports from Director, Community Development; Director, Finance & Administration; Director, Assets & Infrastructure; Operations Manager; Mobility & Safe Routes Coordinator; Executive Director

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

5. **ACTION ITEM:**

Receive/file Financial Statements and Bills Paid Report for March 2021

Tucker Van Law gave a brief overview and said this was reviewed by the two committee members.

Kristin Derrig moved to receive/file the Financial statements and Bills paid report for March 2021. Tom Blanchard seconded. The motion passed.

6. **ACTION ITEM:**

Approve/adopt FY21 Revised Budgets

Tucker Van Law said this was reviewed by the two committee members.

Rick Webking moved to approve and adopt Mountain Rides' revised FY2021 Operating, Capital, and Facilities Budget. Juan Martinez seconded. The motion passed.

7. **ACTION ITEM:**

Approve Purchase of Scaffolding to be used in Maintaining Electric Buses

Ben Varner said this is a purchase that we were planning to make in FY22 but due to the timing of the buses being delivered and the need for training to happen in July and August, we need to go ahead and move this purchase up. We solicited bids and interviewed two of the companies and we are very happy moving forward with this roughly \$26,000 cost.

Tom Blanchard moved to approve the purchase of scaffolding from Bird Ladder & Equipment Company, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$26,000 and authorize staff to execute the purchase. Juan Martinez seconded. The motion passed.

8. **ACTION ITEM:**

Approve Administrative Coordinator Position

Tucker Van Law said with the increased service we are providing and more grants we have had historically, there is an increased demand for administrative work. We are asking to add an administrative position.

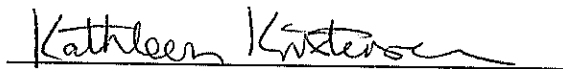
Tom Blanchard asked about the budget impact for this new position.

Tucker Van Law said there is \$20,000 targeted for the remainder of this fiscal year.

Tom Blanchard moved to approve the Administrative Coordinator position. Peter Hendricks seconded. The motion passed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Juan Martinez moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:10pm. Tom Blanchard seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen Kristenson", written over a horizontal line.

Chair Kathleen Kristenson