



RECORDED

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MOUNTAIN RIDES TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 1:00 p.m.
Conference Call and in person, Sun Valley City Hall, Sun Valley, ID**

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

PRESENT: Chair Melody Mattson (at-large), Vice-chair Tom Blanchard (Bellevue), Kathleen Kristenson (Blaine County), Peter Hendricks (Sun Valley), Grady Burnett (Sun Valley), Kristin Derrig (Ketchum), and Neil Bradshaw (Ketchum)

NOT PRESENT: Martha Burke (Hailey)

ALSO PRESENT: Mountain Rides Executive Director, Wally Morgus
Mountain Rides Director, Finance, Tucker Van Law
Mountain Rides Director, Assets and Planning, Ben Varner
Mountain Rides Director, Outreach, Kim MacPherson
Mountain Rides Director, Transit Operations, Jamie Canfield

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice – Chair Tom Blanchard called to order the meeting of Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 1:00 pm via conference call and in person at the Sun Valley City Hall. Grady Burnett took roll and determined that a quorum was present.

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

Tom Blanchard said thank you to the staff for their work during hectic times.

Peter Hendricks said he has a meeting set with representatives from the Sun Valley Co Thursday morning about items on the agenda and bring them up to speed relevant to Mountain Rides.

Grady Burnett asked if the discussion was relevant to the J1's and Peter said yes.

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

No comments.

4. ACTION ITEM: Consent Agenda

- a. *Approve: Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, December 21, 2022*
- b. *Receive/file: Minutes of Planning & Marketing Committee Meeting, February 1, 2023*
- c. *Receive/file: Minutes of Finance & Performance Committee Meeting, February 1, 2023*
- d. *Receive/file: Performance Dashboard report for January 2023*

- e. *Receive/file: October, November, and December 2022 Operating Fund, and December 2022 Quarterly Capital, Facilities, Workforce Housing, and Contingency Funds Financial Statements and Bills paid report*
- f. *Receive/file: Reports from Director, Assets & Planning; Director, Outreach & Operations Support; Director, Finance & Administration; Director, Transit Operations; Executive Director*
- g. *Approve: Board Meetings Schedule for 2023*

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

5. ACTION ITEM:

Revised FY23 Transit Service Plan

Wally Morgus summarized the changes to be made to the service plan. The Blue Route will operate until 12:30am every day of the year. This means that we are adding service during slack periods but curtailing the peak season service that runs until 2:30am.

The Twin Falls/NEMT service has been curtailed and will enter into discussions with St. Luke's regarding bringing the service back in some form.

We will bring back the Valley 8 service starting in Bellevue at 2:30pm which was curtailed in January. The last Valley bus from Sun Valley

Neil Bradshaw asked why we aren't curtailing the service immediately. We talked about curtailing the service because of a safety issue, we need to address this right away.

Jamie Canfield stated that problems happen every night on the Blue Route. And they have started happening on the Valley Route in Hailey as well.

Peter Hendricks agrees with Neil and wants to institute this change as soon as he has the meeting with the resort.

Tom Blanchard said we have to deal with the repercussions when someone throws up on the bus; the bus goes out of service for probably 2 days, large cleanup costs by another company due to the public health safety issue. He feels it is directly related to alcohol use.

Kristin Derrig worries most about the blatant disrespect and destruction of the buses.

The board agreed to ask staff make the changes immediately. The Blue Route will end at 12:30am starting on Monday, February 20, 2023.

Neil Bradshaw moved to approve and adopt the revised FY23 Transit Service Plan and thereby supplant the FY23 Transit Service Plan approved and adopted by this Board on September 21, 2022 with the adjustments to the Blue Route which will take place on February 20, 2023. Tom Blanchard seconded. The motion passed.

6. DISCUSSION ITEM:

BoD Items of Interest

Neil Bradshaw wanted the board to be aware that Twin Falls is looking into doing their own public transportation. The impact to us and why we care is in terms of getting funding, we are in the same rural district and in the same trough with a potential impact to us in 2025.

Wally Morgus will get in touch with Ron Duran at ITD-PT office to do a presentation about this scenario.

The likelihood of Twin Falls getting transit and the state helping them is very good. With the addition of Twin Falls getting service will reduce the funding available to Mountain Rides.

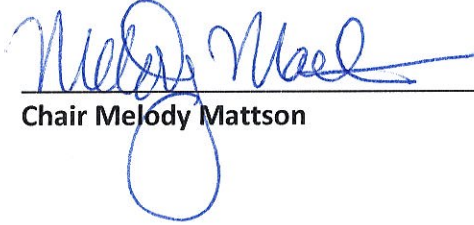
Grady Burnett asked about the seven new Battery Electric buses. Each bus cost \$825,000 and should arrive here starting March 15th.

Ben Varner said he could see on or about June 15th that it could be a fully electric day. The older diesel buses will be surplused one by one. Ben also said the overheating issue was fixed.

Neil Bradshaw suggested getting some press regarding the implementation of the buses including asking the governor to attend.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Kathleen Kristenson moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:40pm. Tom Blanchard seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



Chair Melody Mattson