



RECORDED

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MOUNTAIN RIDES TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Wednesday, July 19, 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), Neil Bradshaw (Ketchum), Martha Burke (Hailey), Grady Burnett (Sun Valley), Peter Hendricks (Sun Valley), and Kristin Derrig (Ketchum)

NOT PRESENT: Kathleen Kristenson (Blaine County)

ALSO PRESENT: Mountain Rides Executive Director, Wally Morgus
Mountain Rides Director, Finance, Tucker Van Law
Mountain Rides Director, Communications, Kim MacPherson
Mountain Rides Director, Operations, Jamie Canfield
Mountain Rides Manager of Human Resources, Jerry Garcia
Mountain Rides Director, Maintenance, Carlos Tellez
Emily Jones, *Idaho Mountain Express*

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Melody Mattson called to order the meeting of Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 1:02 pm via conference call and in person at Sun Valley City Hall, Sun Valley, ID. Secretary Grady Burnett took roll and determined that a quorum was present.

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

Wally Morgus said thank you to Ben Varner for his eight plus years of service to Mountain Rides and community. We are sorry to see him leave and wish him the best in his new role with ARCH.

Kristin Derrig said she appreciates how well scheduled the buses are considering the amount of traffic in town.

Wally Morgus formally introduced Carlos Tellez as the director of maintenance and facilities. We also moved Murray Walsh to manager of maintenance and will hire a new mechanic.

Neil Bradshaw stated regarding the budget that it looks like we will keep the fares free this year but will look at it for FY25.

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, June 21, 2023*
- b. *Receive/file: Minutes of Planning & Marketing Committee Meetings, July 5, 2023*
- c. *Receive/file: Minutes of Finance & Performance Committee Meeting, July 5, 2023*
- d. *Receive/file: Performance Dashboard report for June 2023*
- e. *Receive/file: May 2023 Operating Financial Statements and Bills Paid*
- f. *Receive/file: Reports from Director, Assets & Planning and Maintenance and Facilities; Director, Communications; Director, Transit Operations; Director, Finance & Administration; Manager, Human Resources; Executive Director*
- g. *Receive/file: JPA Extension Agreement*

Neil Bradshaw spoke about the JPA agreement which acknowledges where the jurisdictions are currently and establishes a new base going forward.

Tom Blanchard asked about the recruiting costs with “zip recruiter” and Indeed.

Jamie Canfield said we trained three drivers and have one more on deck.

Neil Bradshaw noticed the utilization of the Twin Falls/NEMT service. He wants us to think about it for next year and look for another funding source and possibly from St. Luke’s.

Wally Morgus said if we do not get more funding there may be a chance that we cannot keep the service going. He will follow up with St. Luke’s next week.

Neli Bradshaw asked about the funding for the Bellevue facility and when it is needed to be confirmed.

Wally Morgus said we are looking at breaking ground in April or May of 2024.

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

5. DISCUSSION ITEM:

BoD Items of Interest

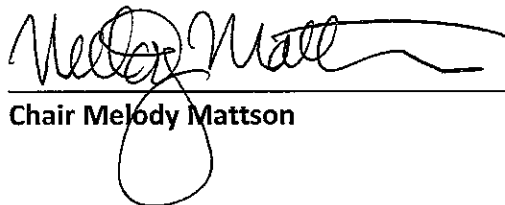
Wally Morgus stated we received six of the seven new electric buses. TransLoc is being installed today and the logos (livery) have been installed as well. Looking at having the buses on the road in service in about two weeks. One of the buses is still at the shop because the driver hit a bridge on the way to Ketchum.

Carlos Tellez said it went to a repair facility in San Francisco.

Emily Jones asked where the buses are being stored, which is inside the Ketchum shop.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Neil Bradshaw moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:32pm. Tom Blanchard seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



Chair Melody Mattson