



RECORDED

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MOUNTAIN RIDES TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
Wednesday, September 20, 2023, 1:00 p.m.  
Conference Call and in person, Hailey City Hall, Hailey, 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), Kathleen Kristenson (Blaine County) and Kristin Derrig (Ketchum)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mountain Rides Executive Director, Wally Morgus  
Mountain Rides Director, Finance, Tucker Van Law  
Mountain Rides Director, Communications, Kim MacPherson (online)  
Mountain Rides Director, Operations, Jamie Canfield  
Mountain Rides Manager of Human Resources, Jerry Garcia  
Mountain Rides Director, Maintenance, Carlos Tellez  
Brian Yeager, City of Hailey (online)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Melody Mattson called to order the meeting of Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at 1:04 pm via conference call and in person at Hailey City Hall, Hailey, ID. Secretary Grady Burnett took roll and determined that a quorum was present.

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

Kathleen Kristenson said she is sad to be leaving the board but will stay on until they find a replacement. She was glad to have the opportunity to serve on the board.

Kristin Derrig brought up that some people have been left at bus stops.

Jamie Canfield said that riders do need to be visible to the drivers.

**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, August 16, 2023*

b. *Receive/file: Minutes of Planning & Marketing Committee Meeting, Sept, 6, 2023*

c. *Receive/file: Minutes of Finance & Performance Committee Meeting, Sept 6, 2023*

d. *Receive/file: Performance Dashboard report for August 2023*

e. *Receive/file: July 2023 Operating Fund Financial Statements and Bills Paid*

f. *Receive/file: Reports from Director, Maintenance; Director, Communications; Director, Transit Operations; Director, Finance & Administration; Manager, Human Resources; Executive Director*

g. *Approve/file: Owner's Rep Agreement*

Wally Morgus stated that we have received \$1.7M funding from our local partners for FY24. We requested \$1.35M and still have \$155,000 still pending from that request. We are prepared to go into the contingency fund to get us through. We may go back to the JPA's for FY25 to get the remaining \$200,000 of the funding to replenish the contingency funding.

Peter Hendricks wanted to confirm that it was Ketchum who did not give the full ask for the building. He asked if we would be asking the City of Ketchum for that amount next year and Wally confirmed that as a yes. Peter is concerned about the contingency fund being dedicated to the building fund and it doesn't seem equitable to the rest of the JPA's.

Neil Bradshaw said the City of Ketchum is very supportive of the project and the \$400,000 (of the \$600,000) that they are giving is the largest amount. He remains confident that they will be able to find the remaining amount.

Grady Burnett said he checked out Destry Simpson, Square D Construction, and he got a 5 star rating from Magleby whom he used to work for.

Wally Morgus stated that ridership is still very good and rising.

Peter Hendricks asked if we needed to have increased service to accommodate the increase ridership and Wally agreed that we need to look at it. It's a mixed blessing so we need to plan ahead and increase our resources.

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

**5. ACTION ITEM: Approve FY24 Service Plan**

Wally Morgus said this is the same service plan that we brought in front of the board early in the summer. We will be up about 1700 hours in FY24.

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

**6. ACTION ITEM: Approve Org Chart and Payscale**

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

**7. ACTION ITEM: Approve FY24 Budget**

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

**8. DISCUSSION ITEM:**

*Mountain Rides Role in County-wide Transportation Planning*

Wally Morgus said that Mountain Rides has taken a back seat to the county wide planning, and it has come to the fore. Transportation planning is very important for the future and people are looking to us as the authority in this process. It is essential that we get involved in the bigger picture planning process.

The board suggested that we stay on the sub committee for the Blaine County sustainability group.

Wally said we will monitor what the land use/transportation committee creates the aspirational goals. He let Andrew know that we do have constraints and financial limits that we have to be aware of. There are a variety of non-profits and citizens at large that have a seat at the table.

Peter Hendricks suggested being mindful of the time that we spend on this committee.

**9. DISCUSSION ITEM:**

*Workforce Housing Option for Mountain Rides' New BEB Facility in Bellevue*

Wally Morgus said that we had thought about adding work force housing infrastructure on the top floor eventually. We cannot include housing in FTA funded structures currently. At this point, Wally said we should build an electric bus facility and focus on that.

Neil Bradshaw said he is supportive of being focused on the facility for electric buses. Not everything has to be housing focused.

Tom Blanchard would be supportive of being able to add solar panels to the new building.

**10. DISCUSSION ITEM:**

*Items of Interest to the Members*

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Martha Burke moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:49pm. Tom Blanchard seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



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Chair Melody Mattson