



RECORDED

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MOUNTAIN RIDES TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 1:00 p.m.
Ketchum City Hall, 191 5th St West, Ketchum, ID 83340**

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

PRESENT: Chair Grady Burnett (Sun Valley), Vice-chair Tom Blanchard (Bellevue), Secretary Kristin Derrig (Ketchum), Martha Burke (Hailey), Peter Hendricks (Sun Valley), Neil Bradshaw (Ketchum), Melody Mattson (at-large), and Muffy Davis (Blaine County)

ALSO PRESENT: Mountain Rides Executive Director, Wally Morgus
Mountain Rides Director, Communications, Kim MacPherson
Mountain Rides Director, Maintenance, Carlos Tellez
Mountain Rides Manager of Finance, Jerry Garcia
Mountain Rides Finance & Administration Specialist, Liz Ruiz Loera

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Grady Burnett called to order the meeting of Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 1:00 pm. Kristin Derrig took roll and determined that a quorum was present.

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

Kristin Derrig asked if, while the road construction is going on if the app could be updated. Kim MacPherson said you can see the bus on the app, and changing the GPS locations is a big project.

Wally Morgus talked about the District 4 Transit Summit in Twin Falls at the end of May. Wally said that we are in the loop, monitoring the situation, and Kim MacPherson will attend the summit.

Neil Bradshaw said that the two things we want to be aware of are: 1. Will they be able to dip into the same funding pond we are in, which is probably not since we are rural and they are not? 2. Are there any opportunities for potential partnerships down the line with connecting Twin Falls with the Wood River Valley?

Wally said that the funding is from different pools, so there will be no impact on our funding. We are certainly interested in being able to connect to their services at some point in time with our community health transportation if that works for our passengers.

Grady Burnett asked what is their objective.

Wally said that it has to do with the new transit director, and they are looking for buy-in among the communities in and around the Magic Valley for public transportation.

Grady Burnett agreed with everything Neil said.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

4. ACTION ITEM: Consent Agenda

- a. *Approve/file: Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, March 20, 2024*
- b. *Approve/file: Minutes of Special Board Meeting, April 10, 2024*
- c. *Approve/file: Minutes of Planning & Marketing Committee, April 3, 2024*
- d. *Approve/file: Minutes of Finance & Performance Committee, April 3, 2024*
- e. *Receive/file: Performance Dashboard, February 2024*
- f. *Receive/file: Operating Fund Financial Statements and Bills Paid, February 2024*
- g. *Receive/file: Report from Director, Fleet, Maintenance & Facilities; Director, Community Transportation; Director, Transit Operations; Manager, Finance & Administration; Executive Director*

Peter Hendricks asked about the total ridership and said the numbers aren't adding up in the green lines; Tom Blanchard agreed.

Wally Morgus commented that it was a data mistake and said we will get that fixed.

Peter Hendricks asked about the Cost per Hour of Service; Peter said it was a dramatic increase and asked what was going on.

Jerry Garcia said it was the double payment for the retirement contribution and that we have received the refund and put the money back into the account. Jerry said it will be reflected in March.

Peter Hendricks asked if MRTA has the explanation readily available to include a footnote in future reports.

Peter also asked about Revenue Expenses—FYTD expenses are running ahead of budget, and is that also a reflection of the double payment?

Jerry Garcia said it was a timing issue. While working on the budget, he budgeted for 2 pay periods in February, and there were 3. He booked 3 pay periods in March instead of February.

Muffy Davis asked what constitutes an incident.

Wally Morgus answered, saying it is a minor run-in.

Jerry Garcia added that it is anything that does not require us to involve the insurance.

Grady Burnett asked about the air compressors and where we are standing with them.

Carlos Tellez said we got a warranty on 2 compressors and that we found a new supplier that is cheaper and seems like a better compressor.

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

5. DISCUSSION ITEM: Airport Service

Wally Morgus gave an update regarding airport service. Wally said the valley route will run northbound and southbound into the airport every run, year-round, and that it is a one-seat airport service with no transfers. Wally also said they will extend the valley route an hour a day.

Wally also said that he talked to Mayor Burke about improving the airport stop.

Wally added that if they plan on going into the airport on every run of the valley route, the cost of the service will be between \$170,000 and \$195,000, which they will be kicking it off with in fiscal year 25.

Neil Bradshaw asked if people taking the bus somewhere in the North Valley would be able to make the early flight.

Wally said that that is the one flight they can't hit.

Neil also asked if, if the late flight arrives a little later or is not scheduled, this service will be scheduled or if it will react to cover the timing of the flights.

Wally said it's a fixed route service, so it is a scheduled service. They are working on adjusting the valley route service so they arrive at the airport around 10:50 PM.

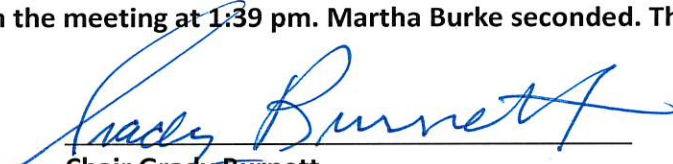
6. DISCUSSION ITEM:

Items of Interest to the Members

Kim MacPherson gave an update regarding the ads running in the newspaper for CHS (Community Health Transportation) and mentioned that there have been a lot of new people calling about CHS and asking for more information.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Melody Mattson moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:39 pm. Martha Burke seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



Chair Grady Burnett