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RECORDED

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MOUNTAIN RIDES TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
Wednesday, January 15, 2025, 1:00 pm  
Ketchum City Hall, 191 5<sup>th</sup> 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), Peter Hendricks (Sun Valley), Neil Bradshaw (Ketchum), Kristin Derrig (Ketchum) Martha Burke (Hailey), Melody Mattson (at-large)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mountain Rides Executive Director, Wally Morgus  
Mountain Rides Director, Maintenance, Carlos Tellez  
Mountain Rides Director, Transit Operations, Jamie Canfield  
Mountain Rides Director, Finance, HR, & Administration, Jerry Garcia  
Mountain Rides Finance & Administration Specialist, Liz Ruiz  
Mountain Rides MarCom & Outreach Specialist, Andrea Hernandez  
Mountain Express Reporter, Jay Westcott (703)559-1118  
The City of Ketchum, Trent Donat

**NOT PRESENT:** Muffy Davis

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Grady Burnett called to order the meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 1:02 pm. Kristin Derrig took a roll and determined that a quorum was present.

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

Grady Burnett said Mountain Rides did a good job this holiday season. Wally Morgus followed up, stating it was a busy season with no incidents. Peter Hendricks asked if there was any issue with the workers in town. Jamie Canfield said they haven't had any problems, other than some people trying to get on the bus with beer, but he said the drivers have done a good job managing the issue.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none

**4. ACTION ITEM:**

*Approve Consent Agenda*

- a. *Authorize/Approve: Disbursement of MRTA's funds for paying bills on hand as of January 10, 2025*
- b. *Approve/File: Amended minutes of Regular Board Meeting, November 20, 2024*
- c. *Approve/File: Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, December 18, 2024*
- d. *Approve/File: Minutes of Finance & Performance Committee, January 2, 2025*
- e. *Receive/File: Performance Dashboard, October 2024*
- f. *Receive/File: Performance Dashboard, November 2024*
- g. *Receive/File: November 2024 Operating Financial Statements and Bills Paid*
- h. *Receive/File: Report from Director, Fleet, Maintenance & Facilities; Director, Transit Operations; Director, Finance, Human Resources & Administration; Executive Director*

**Peter Hendricks moved to approve the consent agenda, and Martha Burke seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.**

**5. DISCUSSION ITEM: February 2025 Board of Directors Workshop**

Wally Morgus stated that Kat would send the questionnaire to everyone in the next few weeks. Still, he would like to encourage everyone to bring up anything they would like to add for consideration during the workshop in February. Grady Burnett said he is looking forward to the workshop and knows it will be well thought out. Jamie Canfield said he would like the board to consider creating a dedicated airport service.

**6. DISCUSSION ITEM: Items of interest to the members**

Grady Burnett mentioned that he is interested in the process of buying parts for the fleet. Carlos Tellez said they used to buy many parts from NAPA and local stores, but now they buy stuff from Amazon, too, because it saves them money. Neil Bradshaw said that Mountain Rides should establish a policy for buying local. He said that the city of Ketchum is willing to pay 10% (ten percent) more to buy the item locally, and Mountain Rides should establish a similar policy. Jerry Garcia mentioned that they shop online because sometimes they can't find a part they're looking for locally, so they purchase it online. Carlos Tellez said they're still buying a lot of stuff from NAPA and O'Reilly almost daily.

Grady Burnett said he wants to talk about the World Cup. Wally Morgus noted there's a meeting coming up with the City of Sun Valley, the City of Ketchum, law enforcement, and the streets department. Wally Morgus said he initiated contact for this meeting to get Jamie Canfield in contact with all the people he needs to be in contact with. Wally Morgus said he talked to Jade and that there will be a hired shuttle service from Sun Valley Company, and they would like to integrate the shuttle to complement the current Mountain Rides routes. Kristin Derrig asked if the shuttle service is geared toward spectators or athletes. Jamie Canfield said that it's geared more towards the athletes. He noted that some athletes will be in town before the World Cup, so, the shuttle service may be in place beforehand. Jamie Canfield stated that we will have an additional Bronze Route that goes from River

Run to Warm Springs to shuttle people who are parking at River Run and shuttle them to Warm Springs.

Grady Burnett asked if we're working with law enforcement to ensure that the buses can get through with the lane closures. Jamie Canfield said they are making sure their bus lanes are cleared. He said instead of turning left to go into Warm Springs Lodge, they would take a right on Picabo St and return to Warm Springs Rd. He said they will need police to ensure no one is parked in a spot that will make it hard for drivers to make a turn.

Jamie Canfield said that they might provide a dedicated ADA service. He said that no matter how full the buses get, it is on a first-come, first-served basis. He said having an ADA van would be great for anyone who has a disability and can't make it on the bus.

Neil Bradshaw asked for an update on the Bellevue building. Wally Morgus said the project is proceeding very smoothly. He said they are 50% of the way to getting done. He said they will have the building ready for occupancy in April, even though they didn't expect it to be done until May. He said half the work that still needs to be done is a lot of equipment installation inside the building, chargers, bus wash system, lifts, pulleys, and cables to support the electric bus maintenance efforts. They anticipate it will go along very quickly; it is just a matter of getting the equipment on hand and installing it. Wally Morgus said they are very happy with EKC's work and have accommodated Mountain Rides very well by keeping the facility open and operating during construction. Grady Burnett asked if they still have Destiree overseeing. Wally Morgus said yes, he is there almost daily. He said it was the best investment they made. Grady Burnett asked Wally Morgus if Destiree had gone to them to inform them of something that was done that was a shift in what the construction company was supposed to do. Wally Morgus said Destiree caught the elevation issues.

Kristin Derrig wanted to commend Jerry and his team on the new schedule rack card. She said it was great to include Instagram and Facebook on there. She mentioned it would be good to make a version of a poster or distribute it in places. Jerry Garcia said they have already been distributed to all their distribution centers. Kristin Derrig asked if they would stop printing schedules. Jamie Canfield said that if they do print them, they will print a much smaller number of schedules. Kristin said that they're getting closer to having a consistent schedule year-round and that having the rack card will make it much more manageable.

Tom Blanchard said he had talked to the drivers and that they are excited about the automatic washers for the buses.

**7. ACTION ITEM: *Executive Session, per Idaho Code 74-206***

**The board unanimously voted to go into the executive session.**

**8. ACTION ITEM: *Per Executive Session, if any***

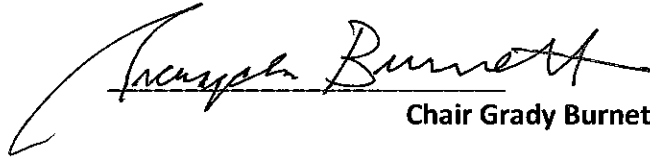
There were none.

**8. Reconvene/reopen public session:**

**Tom Blanchard motioned to reopen the public session; Neil Bradshaw seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Peter Hendricks moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:41 pm. Martha Burke seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

  
Chair Grady Burnett