



RECORDED

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MOUNTAIN RIDES TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 1:00 pm
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), Peter Hendricks (Sun Valley), Neil Bradshaw (Ketchum), Melody Mattson (at-large), Kristin Derrig (Ketchum) Muffy Davis (Blaine County) and Martha Burke (Hailey)

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 Operations Specialist, Ashley Kelbert Obland
City of Ketchum, Dawn Hofheimer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Grady Burnett called to order the meeting of Wednesday, October 16, 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 had a question regarding the Friday and Saturday late night bus and when it was starting. Jamie Canfield responded saying it started and has been running for two weeks. Wally Morgus said the late night schedule is on the website.

Wally Morgus introduced Ashley Kelbert Obland to the board, and mentioned that she along with other managers are planning to attend the board meetings regularly.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

4. ACTION ITEM: *Consent Agenda*

- a. *Approve/file: Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, September 18, 2024*
- b. *Approve/file: Minutes of Finance & Performance Committee, October 2, 2024*
- c. *Receive/file Performance Dashboard, August 2024*

- d. *Receive/file: August 2024 Operating Fund Financial Statements and Bills Paid*
- e. *Receive/file: Report from Director, Fleet, Maintenance & Facilities; Director, Transit Operations; Director, Finance, Human Resources & Administration; Executive Director*

Tom Blanchard had a question about the last item movement to the executive session on the September Board minutes. Tom said the record should show that the vote was unanimous to go into an executive session. Neil Bradshaw noted that the words "and the vote was unanimous to go into executive session" can be added.

Grady Burnett noticed a typo on action item #8: "Neil Hendricks commented on the City of Hailey's willingness..." Which was either Neil Bradshaw or Peter Hendricks. Grady said to change that to reflect that it was changed to the correct person and that Liz Ruiz would make those amendments.

Peter Hendricks asked about the decrease in riders on the blue route over the last few months. Jamie Canfield said that he thinks they are just going through a lull and that between June and November, there is not a lot of travel outside of normal people using it for transit to get from point A to point B. Wally Morgus said that they are seeing a normalization of ridership, and he thinks the last couple of years reflect that spike they saw during the pandemic.

Peter Hendricks asked about the Hailey route numbers compared to 2022. Peter said that the Valley route continues to be the backbone of the system and that they're still seeing very good ridership. Jamie Canfield replied that the Valley Route will always be consistent because that is how people get up and down the valley. Jamie also mentioned that they might see a significant change in the Hailey Route now that they have changed the route to go only on Main Street and not on River Street and that they should see a spike in the Hailey Route in September because of school as well.

Tom Blanchard was curious about the correlation with LOT receipts for that period and asked if there was a dropdown in Ketchum when they saw Blue Route Dropping. Wally Morgus said the drop in Blue Route has been consistent for the last year and that LOT has been up and down. Jerry Garcia also mentioned that the J1s are not working anymore, and numbers have dropped.

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

5. DISCUSSION ITEM: MRTA's Commuter Vanpool Service

Wally Morgus discussed the vanpool deficits, what is happening with the vanpool service, and where they want to go with vanpool.

Neil Bradshaw asked if they could readjust the pricing. Wally Morgus said they charge 62 cents a mile, fuel the van, and do the maintenance. Wally thinks the vanpool model and pricing need to be tweaked. Peter Hendricks agreed that they do need to look at the pricing model.

Peter Hendricks asked MRTA staff to put some time and effort into this with the goal of keeping vanpool running.

Grady Burnett said the next step is for staff to do their research and then report back to the Finance Committee.

6. ACTION ITEM: *Banking Resolution*

Wally Morgus said they are adjusting the signatures based on their HR situation.

Neil Bradshaw said he would like a staff member and a board member to be signers and that that is standard protocol for cities and other organizations.

Neil Hendricks moved to approve the banking resolution of October 16, 2024, approving signatories to the Mountain West Bank accounts. Kristin Derrig seconded. The motion passed.

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

Brady Burnett asked the board members and staff if there is a need for an Executive Session. All members said no

8. Reconvene/Re-Open Public Session

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

10. DISCUSSION ITEM: *Items of Interest to the Members*

11. ADJOURNMENT

Tom Blanchard moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:44 pm. Martha Burke seconded. The motion carried unanimously.


Chair Grady Burnett