



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MOUNTAIN RIDES TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
Wednesday, August 20, 2025, 1:00 pm  
Hailey City Hall, 115 Main Street South, Hailey, ID**

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

**PRESENT:** Grady Burnett, Peter Hendricks, Neil Bradshaw, Kristin Derrig, Tom Blanchard, Martha Burke, Melody Mattson, Muffy Davis

**ALSO PRESENT:** Wally Morgus, Carlos Tellez, Jamie Canfield, Jerry Garcia, Liz Ruiz, Andrea Hernandez, Raul Romero

**NOT PRESENT:** Melody Mattson

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Grady Burnett called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Kristin Derrig took attendance and confirmed that a quorum was present.

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

**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 August 18, 2025*
- b. *Approve/file: Amended Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, June 18, 2025*
- c. *Approve/file: Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, June 18, 2025*
- d. *Approve/file: Minutes of Planning & Performance Committee, August 6, 2025*
- e. *Approve/file: Minutes of Finance & Performance Committee, August 6, 2025*
- f. *Receive/file Performance Dashboard, July 2025*
- g. *Receive/file: June 2025 Operating Fund and quarterly Capital, Facilities, Workforce Housing and Contingency Fund Financial Statements and Bills Paid*

*h. Receive/file: Report from Director, Fleet, Maintenance & Facilities; Director, Transit Operations; Manager, Finance, Human Resources & Administration; Manager, Marketing & Communications, Director, Accessible and Community Transport; Executive Director*

- Grady Burnett congratulated staff on the recent organizational review/site review that resulted in no findings, noting that such outcomes are achieved by a minority of agencies nationally and reflect strong performance and responsiveness across the organization.
- Questions were raised about several figures in the June 2025 revenue/expenditure pages. Staff clarified timing differences (revenues received after expenses are recorded) and identified an error in the annual budget column for at least one line item; staff will correct the display/input issue and present it at the next meeting.
- Brief update on driver uniforms: staff is exploring standardized pants/shorts and shirts to improve consistency and presentation while prioritizing comfort; mechanics already have a separate uniform.

**Neil Bradshaw moved to approve the consent agenda, and Tom Blanchard seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.**

**5. ACTION ITEM: *Approve & Adopt FY26 Transit Service Plan***

- FY26 plan continues the FY25 service plan with no material changes.
- Airport service will continue as operated in FY25 (select Valley Route trips to/from the airport and timed connections with the Hailey Route when the Valley Route is not entering the airport directly).
- Reported airport stop usage has been strong; staff will continue monitoring that stop.
- Late-night service will continue; board requested ongoing updates on any operational/safety issues.

**Tom Blanchard moved to approve and adopt the FY26 transit service plan, and Martha Burke seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

**6. ACTION ITEM: *Approve & Adopt FY26 Org Chart and Pay Scale***

**Tom Blanchard moved to approve and adopt the FY26 organizational chart and pay scale, and Kristin Derrig seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

**7. ACTION ITEM: *Approve & Adopt FY26 Budget***

- The Public hearing was opened; no public comments were received (in person or online). The public hearing was closed.

- Clarification requested on “Other” within local funding; staff noted amounts include the Air Service Board and several local schools; small figure corrections/labeling will be trued up and do not affect totals.

**Kristin Derrig moved to approve and adopt the FY26 Budget, and Tom Blanchard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

- The regular board meeting returns to the third Wednesday (9/17). Neil Bradshaw noted that he will be absent in September.
- Upcoming Ribbon Cutting briefing.
- Executive Director conference report (CTAA Small Urban/Small Network):
  - Remarks from federal leadership suggested continued commitment to public transportation funding; members discussed monitoring potential policy shifts (e.g., program consolidations, alternative fuels eligibility).
  - Electric bus strategy remains well-justified locally, given the advantages of total cost of ownership (notably energy costs).
  - Staff will keep the Board informed as federal guidance evolves.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Tom Blanchard moved to adjourn the meeting, and Martha Burke seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 pm.**

  
Chair Grady Burnett