



RECORDED

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MOUNTAIN RIDES TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 1:00 p.m.  
Sun Valley City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Rd, Sun Valley, ID**

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

**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 Director, Transit Operations, Jamie Canfield  
Mountain Rides Finance & Administration Specialist, Liz Ruiz Loera  
Jim Keating, City of Sun Valley

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Grady Burnett called to order the meeting of Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 1:00 pm. Kristin Derrig took roll and determined that a quorum was present.

**2. ACTION ITEM:** Grady Burnett suggested the board officially seat Muffy Davis on the board as the Blaine County representative

**Neil Bradshaw moved to seat Commissioner Muffy Davis to the Mountain Rides Board. Peter Hendricks seconded.** Wally Morgus stated that her term would start immediately and last until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026. **The motion passed.**

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

Tom Blanchard asked about the cleaning of the park and Ride bus stop in Hailey.

Carlos Tellez said that the bus stop gets cleaned on Wednesday mornings.

Neil Bradshaw said we should be more focused and look at strategic initiatives at our board workshop. The group discussed ideas for the future.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

**5. ACTION ITEM:** Consent Agenda

- a. *Approve/file: Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, February 7, 2024*
- b. *Approve/file: Minutes of Finance & Performance Committee, March 6, 2024*
- c. *Receive/file: Performance Dashboard report for January 2024*
- d. *Receive/file: January 2024 Operating Fund Financial Statements and Bills Paid*
- e. *Receive/file: Reports from Director, Fleet, Maintenance & Facilities; Director, Communications; Director, Transit Operations; Manager, Finance & Administration; Executive Director*

Grady Burnett asked about the air compressors which were noted in Carlos Tellez' staff report.

Carlos Tellez said we are using the brand "Power X" and they believe there is a design flaw. The compressors on the electric buses have been breaking down. We have to take the buses out of service. The board suggested we talk to New Flyer, talk to other agencies, and maybe have a few in house to use when they do go down. Carlos said we have replaced seven of the compressors so far.

Peter Hendricks asked about the total ridership, and it is down across all routes. It could be a "snow" issue. The Valley route is down as well and probably should be steadier.

Wally Morgus said the ridership may be normalizing this year.

Tom Blanchard asked about the Vanpool expenses and revenues. He also asked about the cost per mile of service and could we add for the prior years.

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

#### **6. DISCUSSION ITEM: Bellevue BEB Facility Update**

Wally Morgus said they posted the Invitation to Bid and there was one (1) respondent, and they sent it out to five (5) statewide contractors. One has declined.

#### **7. DISCUSSION ITEM:**

*Items of Interest to the Members*

Neil Bradshaw asked where we were on late – night Blue service. He said that he and Peter Hendricks had a meeting with Sun Valley Co regarding the World Cup next spring. They would like to see Mountain Rides help somehow. Neil was concerned that we didn't have the New Years' service this and would like to have the special occasion buses come back.

Wally Morgus said we are looking at adding a van service for the workers to use late – night.

Wally Morgus said we are working with Harry Griffith regarding bus service during the World Cup.

Kristen Derrig said the Valley Route needs later – night service. There are more people staying/living south.

Peter Hendricks said he didn't think Mountain Rides needed to take care of the drinkers but could help the workers. Commuters are our riders.

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

**Tom Blanchard moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:55pm. Martha Burke seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

  
Chair Grady Burnett