



RECORDED

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MOUNTAIN RIDES TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Wednesday, November 20, 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)

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, Facilities Manager, Eric Humbach
Mountain Rides MarCom & Outreach Specialist Andrea Hernandez
Shawn Miller, Best Day H.R. Consulting
Pam Howland, Idaho Employment Lawyers/ Law for Leaders

NOT PRESENT: Martha Burke (Hailey)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Grady Burnett called to order the meeting of Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 1:03 pm. Kristin Derrig took roll and determined that a quorum was present.

2. ACTION ITEM

Grady Burnett said that he would like to formally change the agenda and switch action item 9 (the executive session) with discussion item 10. That way, when they move into the executive session, the staff members can go back to work.

There were no objections. Items 9 and 10 were switched

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

There were none.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

5. ACTION ITEM: Consent Agenda

- a. Approve/file: Amended Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, September 16, 2024
- b. Approve/file: Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, October 16, 2024
- c. Approve/file: Minutes of Finance & Performance Committee, November 6, 2024
- d. Receive/file: Performance Dashboard, September 2024
- e. Receive/file: September 2024 Operating Fund Financial Statements and Bills Paid and Quarter-ending 9/30/2024 Financial Statements for the Capital, Facilities, Workforce Housing, and Contingency Funds
- f. Receive/file: Report from Director, Fleet, Maintenance & Facilities; Director, Transit Operations; Director, Finance, Human Resources & Administration; Executive Director

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

6. ACTION ITEM: FY2025 Commuter Vanpool Service Pricing

Wally Morgus said they analyzed and took a look at the total vanpool operating cost for FY2024, and that's what the new pricing is based on.

Wally also said they have included the capital cost for vanpool service, but only the 20 percent that is covered by local money. Wally said that after some calculations for the FY2024 actual numbers and including only the local capital cost, the price came up to .77 cents. Based on the FY2024 cost of .77 cents per mile, he considered an inflation of 3% and got a cost of .81 cents per mile. He suggested that they now adopt the .81 cents per mile pricing for vanpool services.

Neil Bradshaw states that the 81 cents per mile is a good deal and hopes this is well received. He says they should now, in theory, not incur any cost. He would like to see customers' responses to this new pricing.

Grady Burnett asked how many vanpool companies they are currently leasing out to. Jerry Garcia said they are leasing to eight companies and one public van.

Grady Burnett moved to approve the new pricing structure, but there was no action taken.

Melody Mattson moved to adopt the 81 cents per mile pricing model in FY2025. Kristin Derrig seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously approved.

7. DISCUSSION ITEM: MRTA's Board of Directors' Officers for 2025

Grady Burnett will serve as chair for another year.

Grady Burnett asked Tom Blanchard if he would accept the position as Vice-chair. Tom accepted the position.

Grady Burnett asked Kristin Derrig if she could continue to be secretary. Kristin accepted.

Grady Burnett said Jerry Garcia will continue to be the Treasurer.

Grady Burnett said the committee chairs will continue to stay the same. Tom Blanchard as chair of Finance, and Kristin Derrig as chair of Planning and Marketing.

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

Neil Bradshaw asked if we're going back to our regular bus routes now that the bridge is open. Jamie Canfield said that we're not going back to the regular bus routes at this point until after the construction is done. The reason being that it would cause confusion with riders to keep switching the routes.

Neil Bradshaw stated that there will be construction for another two years, so this should be a conversation to be continued. Jamie Canfield agrees.

Peter Hendricks supports the idea that we should have another discussion to move the routes back to main street, in light of the number of visitors they are expecting.

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

Neil Bradshaw made a motion to move into executive session according to Idaho code 74-206. Tom Blanchard seconded. Grady Burnett took roll, and the vote was unanimous to go into executive session

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

Neil Bradshaw moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 pm. Melody Mattson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.


Chair Grady Burnett