



RECORDED

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MOUNTAIN RIDES TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 1:00 p.m.  
Sun Valley City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Rd, Sun Valley, ID 83353**

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 Manager of Finance, Jerry Garcia  
Mountain Rides Finance & Administration Specialist, Liz Ruiz  
City of Sun Valley, Heidi Goedhart  
Members of the public, Edit Szanto  
Members of the public, Pam Howland

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Grady Burnett called to order the meeting of Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 1:02 pm. Kristin Derrig took roll and determined that a quorum was present.

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

There were none.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

**4. ACTION ITEM: *Consent Agenda***

- a. *Approve/file: Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, August 21, 2024*
- b. *Approve/file: Minutes of Finance & Performance Committee, September 4, 2024*
- c. *Receive/file Performance Dashboard, July 2024*
- d. *Receive/file: July 2024 Operating Fund Financial Statements and Bills Paid*

- e. *Receive/file: Report from Director, Fleet, Maintenance & Facilities; Director, Transit Operations; Manager, Finance & Administration; Executive Director*

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

**5. ACTION ITEM: *Approve Purchase of Two (2) Heavy-duty Battery Electric Buses***

Wally Morgus mentioned that there was some extra language on the motion in the last clause.

Grady Burnett asked Carlos Tellez where the Gillig factory was and when he went. Carlos Tellez answered that it was in Livermore, California and that he had gone about a month ago. Carlos also confirmed that Gillig has the best quality and the best recommendations. Peter Hendricks commented that the reason MRTA didn't have Gillig electric buses before was that Gillig didn't make electric buses before. Grady asked if the buses purchased come with some type of warranty. Carlos Tellez said yes, it does, and that it's in the quote: 3 or 5 years, depending on the components. Wally Morgus mentioned that the Gillig electric buses have an extra battery pack for better range on a single charge.

**Martha Burke moved to approve the purchase of 2 heavy-duty BEBs. Tom Blanchard seconded. The motion passed.**

**6. ACTION ITEM: *Approve Purchase of Four (4) Light-duty Battery Electric Buses***

**Neil Bradshaw moved to approve the purchase of 4 light-duty BEBs. Martha Burke seconded. The motion passed.**

**7. ACTION ITEM: *Approve Org Chart and PayScale***

**Neil Bradshaw moved to approve and adopt the Org Chart and PayScale. Kristin Derrig seconded. The motion passed.**

**8. ACTION ITEM: *Approve FY25 Budget***

Neil Bradshaw commented on the City of Hailey's willingness to add the \$3,500 if those funds are available.

Grady Burnett asked if the City of Bellevue had committed to its part. Wally Morgus responded that they have, that it has been settled, and that they have committed.

**Tom Blanchard moved to approve and adopt the FY25 Budget. Martha Burke seconded. The motion passed.**

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

Neil Bradshaw talked about Mainstreet being re-opened and the bridge at Trail Creek being closed for two weeks after the Trailing of the Sheep. Neil said it might be in mid-October and that it's two weeks, but it could be anywhere from two to four weeks.

Tom Blanchard discussed Hailey's shifting to their new setup on October 1st and asked about public outreach. Wally Morgus said they are putting up a banner at the Park & Ride stop announcing in both English and Spanish that, effective September 30<sup>th</sup>, that stop will no longer be serviced for the Valley Route.

Neil Bradshaw also commented on the resort cities' meeting with ITD to discuss a 30-year plan for dedicated bus lanes.

Grady Burnett asked about the drivers' meeting on Saturday, 9/21/24. He asked what time it was happening and where. Jamie Canfield said it was at 11:00 a.m. at the Ketchum Facility. Grady asked if it would be appropriate and permissible for him to stop by and say hello. Jamie said he would love him, too, and that there was going to be a BBQ after, too.

**10. 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.

**11. RECONVENE/RE-OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

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

Neil Bradshaw moved to approve that the Board ask Best Day HR to investigate a personnel matter; Martha Burke seconded. The motion passed.

Neil Bradshaw moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:56 pm. Peter Hendricks seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

  
Chair Grady Burnett