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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MOUNTAIN RIDES TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 1:00 pm
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 and via conference call.

PRESENT: Grady Burnett, Kristin Derrig, Peter Hendricks, Martha Burke, Muffy Davis

ALSO PRESENT: Wally Morgus, Carlos Tellez, Jamie Canfield, Raul Romero, Andrea Hernandez, Liz Ruiz, Andrea Loera, Deya Garcia, Wendy Jaquet, Kristine Bretall

1. CALL TO ORDER

Grady Burnett called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Kristin Derrig took attendance and confirmed that a quorum was present.

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

Grady Burnett expressed appreciation for staff efforts, including the recognition of Andrea Loera's continued progress in her role.

Kristin Derrig asked how the new Airport Service was doing. Jamie Canfield reported that ridership has exceeded expectations, with 367 total riders to date, including 127 riders in February during a partial service period. Board members noted strong positive feedback from both visitors and local residents, as well as increased awareness driven by airport staff and social media.

Jamie noted that the service is gaining momentum quickly and is approaching a significant portion of typical annual ridership benchmarks within its first month. Ridership trends indicate strong use for airport access, with increasing activity across lodging areas and communities throughout the valley.

Kristin asked if there was potential to extend the service beyond April. Wally Morgus stated that while funding is available to continue the program for a limited period, it is not currently sufficient to extend through the full fiscal year. Wally said that Jamie is in discussions with the Air Service Board regarding the next steps.

Operational considerations were also reviewed. Current capacity using nine-passenger vans remains adequate, though demand is increasing. Wally said it would be great if they could use a larger vehicle, but noted it would pose a challenge at the airport curbside. However, Jamie confirmed that additional vans can be deployed as needed. The service will continue to evolve to better meet the needs of both residents and visitors.

Peter Hendricks pointed out that the customer satisfaction data for February showed a decrease. Wally clarified that this was due to a small sample size, though overall satisfaction remains positive.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

4. DISCUSSION ITEM: *Presentation and discussion re: 2026 Story Tour; Wendy Jaquet & Kristine Bretall, presenters*

Wendy Jaquet and Kristine Bretall presented the proposed 2026 Story Tour program. The program is scheduled to operate weekly on Fridays from June 12 through October 9, 2026, utilizing Mountain Rides buses and continuing partnerships with Visit Sun Valley, the Community Library, and the Wood River Museum of History & Culture.

Kristine reported that the 2025 program served over 270 participants and was well-received by visitors. The tours provided both educational value and a meaningful connection to the community.

Enhancements for 2026 include an extended operating season, recruitment of additional volunteer guides, and continued use of structured scripts and visual materials. Additional improvements under consideration include onboard audio systems and expanded marketing efforts through local and regional channels.

The Board expressed strong support for the program and recognized its value in enhancing the visitor experience. Consensus approval was given for the program to proceed.

5. ACTION ITEM: *Approve Consent Agenda*

- a) *Authorize/approve: Disbursement of MRTA's funds for paying bills on hand as of March 16, 2026*
- b) *Approve/file: Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, February 18, 2026*
- c) *Approve/file: Minutes of Finance & Performance Committee, March 4, 2026*
- d) *Receive/file Performance Dashboard, February 2026*
- e) *Receive/file: January 2026 Operating Fund Financial Statements and Bills Paid, and December 2025 quarterly Capital, Facilities, Workforce Housing, and Contingency Fund Financial Statements and Bills Paid*
- f) *Receive/file: Report from Director, Fleet, Maintenance & Facilities; Director, Community Transportation; Manager, Finance & Administration; Manager, Transit Operations; Manager, Marketing & Communications; Executive Director*

Peter Hendricks asked for clarification regarding an unpaid bill to Kat. Wally Morgus stated that the bill is for staff training.

Peter also noted an increased ridership across resort routes, which he and Wally attributed in part to events and conferences during February. Ongoing challenges related to electric bus battery replacements were also discussed. Wally reported that replacement timelines currently extend to 2027

and that efforts are ongoing to expedite the process. While operational impacts remain, recently acquired electric buses are helping to maintain service reliability.

Peter informed Raul Romero that the upcoming construction with ITD and the utility construction with Idaho Power will affect bus service.

Martha Burke moved to approve the consent agenda, and Peter Hendricks seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

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

There were none.

7. ADJOURN

Martha Burke moved to adjourn the meeting, and Kristin Derrig seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:41 pm.


Chair Grady Burnett