

EASTERN SIERRA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Minutes of Friday, December 10, 2021 Meeting

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority was called to order at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 10, 2021, via Zoom. The following members were present: Directors Bill Sauser, Dan Tothoroh, Bob Gardner, Karen Schwartz, Jim Ellis, Jeff Griffiths and Rhonda Duggan. Director Kirk Stapp joined the meeting at 11:05.

Director Ellis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment None

Executive Directors Report Mr. Moores reported on ESTA activities and performance.

Financial report FY 2021/22 Ms. Bentley presented Eastern Sierra Transit Authority's Preliminary Financial Report for FY 2020/21 as of December 1, 2021.

Ridership Report Mr. Moores presented the Ridership Report for October, 2021.

Election of 2022 Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson Moved by Director Ellis to nominate Bill Sauser for 2022 Chairperson and seconded by Director Griffiths.

Roll call vote taken

Motion passed 7-0 with Director Gardner absent

Moved by Director Sauser to nominate Director Tothoroh for the 2022 Vice-Chairperson and seconded by Director Ellis.

Roll call vote taken

Motion passed 7-0 with Director Gardner absent

Budget Amendment – Community Rides Bishop Dial-a-Ride Expansion Moved by Director Sauser and seconded by Director Duggan to authorize amending the FY 21-22 budget to increase estimated revenue in ESTA budget object code 4555 Federal Grants by \$25,500 and increase appropriations in the ESTA budget in object codes as follows:

5001 Salaried Employees by \$15,000

5022 PERS Retirement by \$1,000

5031 Medical Insurance by \$1,000

5045 Compensated Absence Expense by \$1,500

5352 Fuel & Oil by \$2,000

5171 Maintenance of Equipment by \$2,000

5238 Office Supplies by \$1,000

5263 Advertising by \$1,000

5265 Professional Services \$1,000

Roll call vote taken.

Motion carried 7-0 with Director Gardner absent.

Budget Amendment
– Excess Inyo Local
Transportation Funds

Moved by Director Totheroh and seconded by Director Ellis to authorize amending the FY 21-22 budget to increase estimated revenue in ESTA budget by a total of \$319,511 in 153202 Inyo and 153204 Bishop budgets, object code 4061 Local Transportation Tax, and approve a transfer of funds to 612507- Bishop Admin Building Fund in the amount of \$319,511.

Roll call vote taken.

Motion carried 7-0 with Director Gardner absent.

Budget
Appropriation –
Hero Pay and
Vaccine Incentive
Pay

Moved by Director Griffiths and seconded by Director Totheroh to authorize the Appropriation Change Request Form to move \$29,000 from 5901 Contingency to 5001 Salaried Employees and 5012 Part Time Employees for Hero and Vaccine Incentive Pay.

Roll call vote taken.

Motion carried 7-0 with Director Gardner absent.

Consent Agenda:

Moved by Director Griffiths and seconded by Director Schwartz to approve the Consent Agenda Consisting of:

Approval of Regular
Meeting Minutes of
November 12, 2021.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2021. With correction on the date February 11, change to February 4th.

Approval of Bill 361
– Virtual Public
Meetings

Adopt findings pursuant to AB 361 that: A) the Board reconsider the circumstances of the existing State of Emergency issued on March 4, 2020, and in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and B) local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing, and/or the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.

Roll call vote taken.

Motion carried 7-0 with Director Gardner absent.

Board Member
Comments

Director Griffiths said that ESTA has been a key part in getting his children back home again.
Director Duggan attended the C-SAK convention last week. Caltrans is doing a study in how to shift revenues from the pending loss of funds for SB-1 and looking at a road usage fee. Duggan said you ca

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imagine how that was received in rural areas. There is great concern for Rural transit agencies that drive long distances in less efficient vehicles. Duggan said they will be monitoring this closely and looking for feedback regarding this. This is something to be aware of. The conversion to electric vehicles and gas usage is so volatile here in this state.

Closed Session

Open Session was recessed at 11:37 am to convene in closed session to consider:

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION. Conference with Labor Negotiators. (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6) – Authority designated representatives; Phil Moores and John Vallejo. Bargaining Group; ESTA- ESTA Employee Association (EEA)

Report on closed session

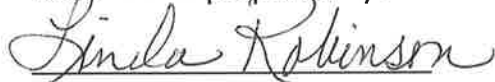
Closed session was recessed at 11:52 am. Director Sauser stated there was nothing to report from the closed session.

Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 11:53 am

The next regular meeting of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for January 14, 2022 at 9:00 am. Check ESTA website for details on attending the meeting.

Recorded & prepared by:



Linda Robinson

Board Clerk

Eastern Sierra Transit Authority

Minutes approved:

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