

EASTERN SIERRA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Minutes of Friday, December 8, 2017 Regular Meeting

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority was called to order at 11:05 a.m. on Friday, December 8, 2017 at the City of Bishop Council Chambers, in Bishop, California. The following members were present: Bob Gardner, Karen Schwartz, Joe Peci, Bill Sauser Jeff Griffiths, Mark Tillemans and Kirk Stapp. Cleland Hoff was absent. Director Griffiths led the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment	None.
Approval of Minutes	Moved by Director Peci and seconded by Director Gardner to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 17, 2017. Motion carried 6-0, with Directors Tillemans abstaining and Director Hoff absent.
Closed Secession	Open session was recessed at 11:08 a.m. to convene in closed session with Director Hoff absent, to consider Agenda item #6 a. Conference with Labor Negotiators. (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6) – Authority designated representatives; John Helm. Bargaining Group; ESTA-MCEA. b. Public employment, employee recruitment. (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)). Position: Executive Director.
Report on Closed Session	Closed session was recessed at 11:22 a.m. Director Schwartz reported that no action was taken during the closed session.
Approval of MOU with MCEA	Moved by Director Griffiths and seconded by Director Gardner to adopt and approve the Memorandum of Understanding between ESTA and the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Management & Confidential Employees Association (MCEA), and to authorize such action by resolution. Motion carried 7-0 with Director Hoff absent.
Approval of Trolley Bus Purchase	Moved by Director Griffiths and seconded by Director Sauser to approve the purchase of a trolley bus funded with State Transit Improvement Program (STIP) and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds in the amount of \$202,030.22. Motion carried 7-0 with Director Hoff absent.

Financial Reports	<p>Director Gardner requested Agenda Item 10 be delayed to later in the meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Helm presented the Financial Report for FY 2017/18 for the period ending December 6, 2017.</p>
Operations Reports	<p>Mr. Helm presented the Operations Report for the month of November 2017.</p> <p>Director Tillemans stepped out of the meeting at 11:36 a.m. and returned at 11:39 a.m.</p>
Service to Old Mammoth Road Area	<p>Mr. Helm reported on a plan developed with the Town of Mammoth Lakes to restore some service to the Old Mammoth Road Area. A small dial-a-ride bus will provide three morning trips and three afternoon trips using a turnaround on Old Mammoth Road. On days when school is not in session there will only be two afternoon trips. Additionally, afternoon runs will continue beyond Sierra Center Mall only if there are passengers on the bus. Ridership will be reviewed and the route re-assessed in 90 days.</p> <p>Supervisor Stacy Corless made a public comment expressing appreciation for ESTA's work to get the service in place and working so hard to meet the needs of those on Old Mammoth Road.</p> <p>Director Sauser expressed disappointment that some residents on Red Fir were unwilling to try the service on Red Fir for the good of the community and local business. He didn't think the route would have good ridership until it is on a typical fixed route schedule.</p>
Board Member Reports	<p>Director Gardner reported continued discussion regarding whether there is a need and funding for the free June Lake Summer Shuttle. He also commented during the Operations Report that there may be more interest in a Night Rider type service.</p> <p>Director Griffith requested information about ESTA's plans to relocate to another facility to free up the current office space for airport use. John Helm reported ESTA would like a larger facility but that funding is needed in order to relocate. A grant application for funding has been submitted but it is unknown if ESTA will receive the grant.</p>

Director Griffiths also reported that Sierra Nevada Conservancy will be having a meeting and tour in Bishop on June 6, 2018. Director Griffiths inquired about ESTA's ability to provide transportation for this government event. John Helm and Jill Batchelder will look into what is required to provide the service and remain compliant with funding restrictions regarding charter service.

Director Stapp was disappointed that there was such strong opposition to trying out the bus service to Old Mammoth Road area via Red Fir Road.

Director Schwartz stepped out of the meeting at 11:54 a.m. and returned at 11:56 a.m.

Executive Director Report No report.

Future Agenda Items None.

Adjournment The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for January 19, 2107, in the City of Bishop.

Recorded & Prepared by:


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Minutes approved: *January 19, 2019*