EASTERN SIERRA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Minutes of Friday, February 17, 2017 **Regular Meeting**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority was called to order at 11:45 a.m. on Friday February 17, 2017 at the Town of Mammoth Lakes Council Chambers, Mammoth Lakes, California and by videoconference from the City of Bishop Council Chambers, Bishop California. The following members were present at the Town of Mammoth Lakes Council Chambers: Jeff Griffiths, Cleland Hoff, Bill Sauser and Kirk Stapp. The following members were present at the City of Bishop Council Chambers: Karen Schwartz, Joe Pecsi and Bob Gardner. Director Mark Tillemans was absent. Director Schwartz led the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment The Chairperson opened the public comment period at 11:47

a.m. Mono County Supervisor, Stacy Corless, addressed the Board thanking ESTA for a quick, interim solution for people impacted by the elimination of the Gray Line. Public comment

was closed.

Approval of Minutes Moved by Director Stapp and seconded by Director Schwarz to

> approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 5, 2017. Motion carried 6-0, with Director Hoff abstaining and Director

Tillemans absent.

Reds Meadow Road Rehabilitation Funding

Mammoth Lakes Town Manager, Dan Holler, addressed the board regarding TOML's progress on an application for the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant for the Reds Meadow Road Rehabilitation program. Town Manager Holler was also seeking input on the concept of a surcharge to the Reds Meadow fare to

help to fund the long-term maintenance of the road.

The Board's consensus was that ESTA would be willing to collect a surcharge to contribute to the long-term maintenance of Reds Meadow Road but would wait for more detailed financial information before voting on the surcharge amount.

(This item was taken after Item #7 at the request of John Helm to

accommodate Dan Holler's schedule)

Bishop Creek Recreation Area Summer Service Mr. Helm presented a plan for a pilot program to service Bishop Creek Recreation Area. Service to this area was identified as a need in the 2016 Short Range Transit Plan. The pilot program would provide 7-day service from June 17th – August 20th then weekends through October 15th with two round trips per day. Operating costs would be covered through fares and other anticipated operating cost savings in FY 2016/17 as a result of moderate fuel prices.

Moved by Director Sauser and seconded by Director Hoff to approve Bishop Creek Recreation Pilot Service and to include it in the bi-annual service review. Motion carried 7-0 with Director Tillemans absent.

June Lake Summer Shuttle

Mr. Helm reviewed the June Lake Summer Shuttle program and reported that, although there was disappointing ridership, the June Lake Community Advisory Committee (CAC) indicated they would like to continue the shuttle service in 2017. The CAC was interested in looking at cost savings in the form of a shortened service period and perhaps a financial contribution to the service.

In addition to a shortened service season, the board directed staff to present the following options to the CAC:

- 1) A request that the community provide 10% of the operating costs, estimated at \$2,100, to achieve the state-mandated 10% farebox return.
- 2) A suggestion that the community provide additional funding equal to the estimated fare revenue from the service (approximately \$400) and then offer the services as a free shuttle to riders. The benefits of a free shuttle would likely greatly increase ridership.

2017 Board Meeting Calendar – ESCOG Dates Moved by Director Griffiths and seconded by Director Pecsi to start ESTA Board meetings at 11:00a.m. on days that ESCOG meets. Non-ESCOG meeting dates will start at 8:30a.m. Motion carried 7-0 with Director Tillemans absent.

2017 Federal Certifications and Assurances Approval Moved by Director Sauser and seconded by Director Griffiths to have Mr. Helm sign the 2017 Federal Certifications and Assurances. Motion carried 7-0 with Director Tillemans absent.

Revised Title VI Program This item was rescheduled for the March 17, 2017 meeting of the ESTA Board of Directors.

Fiscal Year 2015/16 Audited Financial Report The financial audit for fiscal year 2015/16, prepared by Fechter and Company, was presented by Mr. Helm and received by the board.

Financial Report

Mr. Helm presented the Financial Report for the period ending

February 15, 2017.

Operations Report

Mr. Helm presented the Operations Report for the month of

January 2017.

Board Member Reports

None.

Executive Director

Report

Mr. Helm reported on Old Mammoth Limited service to address

concerns related to the elimination of the Gray Line.

Mr. Helm reported on cuts to funding of the 5311(f) Grant Program, which funds the Reno and Lancaster routes. The reductions are not anticipated to result in any service reductions

for the 2017/18 fiscal year.

Future Agenda Items

Director Sauser would like to address issues related to the loss of Gray Line and a possible turnaround spot out Old Mammoth Road. Director Hoff would like to reach out to residents of Red

Fir Road about interest in transit service.

Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 1:13 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for March 17, 2017, in the City

of Bishop

Recorded & Prepared by:

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Eastern Sierra Transit Authority

Minutes approved: March 17, 2017