

EASTERN SIERRA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Minutes of Friday January 15, 2016 Regular Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority met at 10:00a.m. on Friday January 15, 2016 at the Town of Mammoth Lakes Council Chambers Mammoth Lakes, California. The following members were present: Jo Bacon, Karen Schwartz, Jeff Griffiths, Mark Tillemans, and Tim Alpers. Directors Michael Raimondo and Joe Pecsí were absent. Director Schwartz led the pledge of allegiance.

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| Public Comment | The Chairperson opened the public comment period at 10:08a.m. There was no one from the public wishing to address the Board. Public comment was closed. |
| Employee of the Quarter | Mr. Helm announced that Jill Batchelder was selected as the Employee of the Quarter for the fourth quarter 2015. |
| Approval of Minutes | Moved by Director Griffiths and seconded by Director Schwartz to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 18, 2015. Motion carried 3-0, with Directors Alpers and Tillemans abstaining and with Directors Raimondo and Pecsí absent. |
| Low Carbon Transportation Operation Program (LCTOP) Grant | Moved by Director Griffiths and seconded by Director Alpers to approve Resolution 2016-01 allocating \$58,040 of FY 2015-16 LCTOP funds for the expansion of Mammoth Express service, a fare reduction for the Mammoth Express 10-Ride pass, and expansion of the Lone Pine Express and, also, authorizing the Executive Director to complete and execute all required documents. Motion carried 5-0, with Directors Raimondo and Pecsí absent. |
| Drug and Alcohol Policy Update | Moved by Director Griffiths and seconded by Director Alpers to approve Resolution 2016-02 adopting and approving the revised Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy to be effective January 16, 2016. Motion carried 5-0, with Directors Raimondo and Pecsí absent. |
| Donation of Vehicle | Moved by Director Alpers and seconded by Director Schwartz to approve the donation of a 2008 wheelchair accessible minivan to Northern Inyo Hospital. Motion carried 5-0, with Directors Raimondo and Pecsí absent. |

Bus Arrival Prediction System Concerns	<p>Mr. Helm presented information detailing concerns with the NextBus system, the bus arrival prediction system that is currently being used by ESTA. The concerns include on-board equipment that is frequently inoperable, and a lack of responsiveness on the part of NextBus staff to time-schedule updates. Mr. Helm reported that a new system, Transitime, is being tested in Mammoth and so far the results have been promising. The original NextBus system was purchased with grant funds and has served its useful life. The ongoing costs to continue with the NextBus are quite high and consistent problems still exist.</p> <p>The Board indicated support for staff to continue to move forward with testing and possible transition to Transitime.</p>
Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2014/15	<p>Mr. Helm presented the audited financial statements for fiscal year 2014/15.</p>
Financial Report	<p>Mr. Helm presented the FY2015/16 Financial Report for the period ending January 12, 2016.</p>
Operations Report	<p>Mr. Helm presented the Operations Report for the month of December 2015.</p>
Board Member Reports	<p>Director Alpers reported that Mono County is currently in the process of formally advertising for an ESTA Board member to represent Mono County.</p> <p>Director Alpers reported that he sometimes follows the bus as he drives, and has been very pleased. The drivers use turn signals, make complete stops at stop signs and drive carefully when road conditions require.</p> <p>Director Griffiths reported that last month while serving as Chairperson of the ESTA Board of Directors he signed the Agreement between ESTA and Inyo County for the provision of Legal Services, Director Griffiths also signed the agreement on behalf of Inyo County, as Chairperson for the Inyo County Board of Supervisors, hence Director Griffiths signed both sides of the Agreement for Legal Services between Eastern Sierra Transit Authority and Inyo County. Inyo County Counsel indicated that this is acceptable.</p>

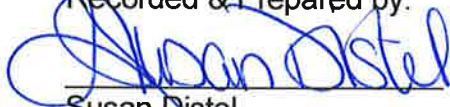
Executive Director
Report

Mr. Helm reported that he provided a letter of support to the Bishop Paiute Tribe for a Transportation Planning Grant on the Bishop Reservation.
Everything is set to launch for the new service to Cerro Coso College in Bishop the week of January 18th.
It is expected that the Short Range Transit Plan will be presented at the next ESTA Board meeting.

Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 11:10a.m.
The next regular meeting of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for February 19, 2016 in the City of Bishop.

Recorded & Prepared by:



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Minutes approved: **March 18, 2016**