

EASTERN SIERRA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Minutes of Monday, May 18, 2009 Special Meeting


The Board of Directors of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority, State of California, met in special session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2009, at the City of Bishop Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California. The following members were present: Jeff Griffiths, Skip Harvey, Susan Cash, Vikki Bauer, David Stottlemyre, Linda Arcularius, John Eastman and Byng Hunt. Director John Eastman led the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment The Chairperson opened the public comment period at 7:05 p.m. There was no one from the public wishing to address the Board. Public Comment was closed.

Board/Employee Interaction The Board provided an opportunity for direct interaction with ESTA employees in order to share the Authority's goals, financial situation and future challenges. Chairman Griffiths provided an overview of the management consultant's presentation to the Board the preceding Friday, including the identification of conflicting missions. Executive Director Helm provided an overview of the Authority's financial situation, including the loss of revenues that had historically been provided through the State Transportation Assistance (STA) program. Mr. Griffiths commented on the excellent service provided by ESTA's employees and the positive reception to this service in the community. Comments were received from several employees voicing a request for enhanced communications with the Board. Director Cash commended the employees for the service they provided but, also, stated that everyone; Board, management, and drivers, needed to support the Authority's mission and goals. Chairman Griffiths thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Adjournment The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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