

EASTERN SIERRA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Minutes of Friday, January 15, 2010

The Board of Directors of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority, State of California, met at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 15, 2010 at the Town of Mammoth Lakes, Council Chambers, Mammoth Lakes, California. The following members were present: Skip Harvey, Susan Cash, Jeff Griffiths, John Eastman, Byng Hunt, David Stottlemire and Vikki Bauer. Director Linda Arcularius was absent. Director Cash led the pledge of allegiance.

- Public Comment** The Chairperson opened the public comment period at 10:08 a.m. Director John Eastman commented on the weather forecast for the next two weeks. There was no one else from the public wishing to address the Board. Public Comment was closed.
- Consent Agenda** Moved by Director Bauer and seconded by Director Cash to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2009 meeting. Motion carried 7-0 with Director Arcularius absent.
- Closed Session** Open session was recessed at 10:15 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board Members present except Director Arcularius to consider agenda item No. 6 Conference with Labor Negotiators. (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6) – Authority designated representatives; John Helm, Monicka Watterson and Mark Magit. Bargaining group; AFSCME.
- Report on Closed Session** Closed session was recessed at 10:30 a.m. to reconvene in open session to receive a report on closed session with all Board Members present except Director Arcularius. It was announced that the closed session item will be addressed in item No. 8, Approval of MOU and Personnel Rules Amendment.
- Approval of MOU and Personnel Rules Amendment** Moved by Director Cash and seconded by Director Griffiths to approve the amendment of the Personnel Rules and MOU with AFSCME Local 315 to clarify the administration of holiday pay. Motion carried 7-0, with Director Arcularius absent.
- Operations Report** Transit Director Monicka Watterson gave the Operations Report for the month of December. Ms. Watterson stated that overall ridership is up compared to December 2008. The majority of the increased ridership was on the fixed routes within the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

Proposed PTMIESA
and STIP funding

Mr. Helm reported to the Board that ESTA is eligible for state funding of capital projects through the PTMISEA and STIP programs. ESTA's proposed PTMISEA expenditure plans for Inyo and Mono Counties, were recently submitted to the LTC Directors. ESTA is also eligible for STIP funding. Over the course of the next five years ESTA is programmed for bus replacement funding in the amount of \$2.4 million through Inyo County, and \$600,000 through Mono County. The capital expenditures funded through the PTMISEA and STIP programs will be included in future years' budgets. Both of these programs provide 100% funding for the projects and do not require matching funds.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Auditor/Controller, Brad Koehn gave the Treasurer's Report for the month of December. Mr. Koehn reported that there are sufficient funds to meet the next 30 days' obligations.

Mid-Year Budget
Review
Planning –Service
within the Town of
Mammoth Lakes

Mr. Helm presented the mid-year budget review. The revised budget detailed proposed adjustments to the budget in order to more accurately reflect expected revenues and expenditures. Mr. Helm reported that at this time there is no need to reduce operating cost through service changes.

Director Cash stepped out of the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Moved by Director Hunt and seconded by Director Griffiths to approve the revised FY 2009/10 budget. Motion carried 6-0 with Directors Arcularius and Cash absent.

Director Cash returned to the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

Board Member Reports

Director Griffiths commented on bus shelters that he had observed in Japan and suggested that, in the future, ESTA consider different types of bus shelters.

Director Bauer reported she has continued communication with congressman's McKeon's office regarding transit issues, particularly the provision of operating funding through the Transit in Parks (TIP) program.

Director Cash reported on transit experiences on her trip to Puerto Rico.

Director Harvey reported that on Tuesday, January 19 the Mammoth Mobility Commission would meet regarding summer

transit needs in the Town of Mammoth.

Executive Director
Report

Mr. Helm presented a sample employee pay stub to the Board as requested at last month's meeting. The Auditor / Controller is working on simplifying the pay stubs for employees. Mr. Helm also reported that good progress is being made on the contract for the Reds Meadow service next year. Mr. Helm also reported that ESTA is working with Mammoth Mountain Ski Area and the Town to provide service for the Wounded Warriors Program in February.

Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board of Directors is to be held on February 19, 2010 in the City of Bishop.

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Minutes approved: **March 19, 2010**