

EASTERN SIERRA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Minutes of Friday, April 17, 2009

The Board of Directors of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority, State of California, met at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 17, 2009, at the City of Bishop Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California. The following members were present: Jeff Griffiths, Skip Harvey, Vikki Bauer, David Stottlemire, John Eastman and Byng Hunt. Directors Linda Arcularius and Susan Cash were absent. Director John Eastman led the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment The Chairperson opened the public comment period at 10:08 a.m. Brigid Salamon asked if any of the Board members were going to be present at the Public Input meetings and if there were plans to video tape the meetings. Ms. Salamon also thanked Executive Director John Helm for meeting with her to discuss her concerns she voiced at the last Board meeting regarding transportation to the Board meetings. Ms. Salamon stated that reaching out to her was very appreciated. There was no one else from the public wishing to address the Board. Public Comment was closed.

Consent Agenda Moved by Director Hunt and seconded by Director Harvey to approve the minutes of the ESTA Board of Directors Meeting of March 13, 2009. Motion carried 6-0 with Directors Arcularius and Cash absent.

Board Meetings Executive Director John Helm reported to the Board on a concern voiced during public comment at the March meeting regarding the language included in the header of the agendas referencing accessibility to the meetings. Mr. Helm reported that the ADA requires public agencies to make reasonable modification to policies, practices, and procedures to avoid discrimination against individuals with disabilities. The information must be accessible to the public, including people who have disabilities that affect communication, such as vision or hearing impairments. The regulation does not specifically require a public agency to provide transportation to public meetings. The Board requested staff to prepare a cost estimate to operate a special bus to provide transportation to ESTA Board meetings.

Agenda item 6b was tabled, to be addressed at the May meeting. The Board agreed to postpone the Special meeting scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2009 to Monday, May 18, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

The Board also agreed to reschedule the May 15 meeting to Monday, May 18 at 5:00 p.m. in Bishop.

- Brown Act Training Mono County Assistant County Counsel, Mark Magit presented an overview of the Brown Act for the Board.
- Treasurer's Report Treasurer, Auditor/Controller Brad Koehn gave the Treasurer's Report for the month of March. Mr. Koehn reported that there are sufficient funds to meet the next 30 days of obligations. ESTA has continued to pay down the lines of credit to the member jurisdictions and, currently, each of the jurisdictions is providing \$15,000 to the line of credit. The lines of credit are expected to be fully repaid by May. The Board requested that there be a discussion regarding future request for lines of credit for next fiscal year.
- Operations Report Transit Director Monicka Watterson gave the Operations Report for the month of March. Ms. Watterson reported that the ridership on most of the routes is down compared to last year, with the exception of the Trolleys and Lift routes in the Town of Mammoth Lakes. The Board requested an additional page be added to the Operations Report showing information on the individual routes.
- 2009/10 Budget Outlook Mr. Helm presented to the Board an updated 2009/10 proforma budget. Mr. Helm updated the Board on new potential grant funding available through the Section 5311(f) that can provide 100% funding for the CREST route. Mr. Helm also reported that the application for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) program has been submitted. Mr. Helm also reported that public outreach sessions have been scheduled in Lone Pine, Bishop, and Walker to obtain community input regarding transit service needs. This information will help guide decision making for future services. The Board requested a draft budget be presented to the Board at the May meeting.
- Resolution 2009-02 At 12:29 p.m. Director Harvey stepped out of the meeting.
- Moved by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Hunt to approve Resolution 2009-02, authorizing the acceptance of the conveyance of an easement from the United States Postal Service for the purposes of using the property as a bus shelter along U.S. Highway 395 in Independence, California and authorizing the Executive Director to submit the easement deed for recordation with the Inyo County Clerk-Recorder, and to authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board of Directors. Motion carried 5-0, with Directors Arcularius, Cash and Harvey absent.

Director Harvey rejoined the meeting at 12:31 p.m.

Request for Leave
Without Pay

Moved by Director Bauer and seconded by Director Eastman to approve a request for leave without pay as recommended by the Executive Director and in compliance with the Authority's Personnel Rules. Motion carried 6-0, with Directors Arcularius and Cash absent.

Executive Director
Report

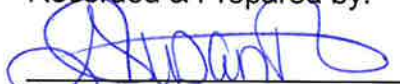
Mr. Helm reported to the Board that the contract with the Forest Service regarding the Reds Meadow Shuttle services is progressing and is expected to be brought to the Board for approval at the May meeting. The contract with Mammoth Mountain Ski Area regarding the lease of vehicles for the service will also be brought to the Board for approval in May. The consultant working on the Management Consulting services has met with all intended parties, and is progressing as planned.

Director Bauer gave a brief update on the possibility of ATTPL funding to be allowed for operational use.

Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board of Directors is to be held on Monday, May 18, 2009 in Bishop at 5:00 p.m.

Recorded & Prepared by:



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Minutes approved: **May 18, 2009**