

EASTERN SIERRA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Minutes of Friday, March 12, 2021 Meeting

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority was called to order at 9:01 a.m. on Friday, March 12, 2021, via Zoom. The following members were present: Jim Ellis, Bob Gardner, Karen Schwartz, Rhonda Duggan, Dan Totheroh, Kirk Stapp, Jeff Griffiths and Director Sauser.

Chairman Ellis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment None

Executive Directors Report Mr. Moores reported on ESTA activities and performance.

Financial Report FY 2020/21 Ms. Bentley presented the 2020-21 financial report as of March 3, 2021.

2021/22 Preliminary Budget Mr. Moores presented the 2021-22 preliminary budget for Eastern Sierra Transit Authority.

Ridership Report Mr. Moores presented the Ridership Report for the month of January, 2021.

LCTOP Grant Applications Moved by Director Totheroh and seconded by Director Gardner to approve Resolution 2021-02 authorizing for the execution of the certifications and assurances and authorized agent forms for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) for the following project(s): Mammoth Express 2.0 fixed route service \$34,142 and Electric vehicle \$19,118 Also, to authorize the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority's Executive Director or Administration Manager to complete and execute all documents for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program submittal, allocation requests, and required reporting.

Roll call vote taken. Motion carried 8-0

Greyhound Slip Agreement Moved by Director Griffiths and seconded by Director Sauser to authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement with Greyhound for use of the bus slip at Centennial Plaza Transit Center for \$200 per month.

Roll call vote taken. Motion carried 8-0

Consent Agenda: Moved by Director Griffiths and seconded by Director Gardner to approve the Consent Agenda Consisting of:

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2021 Approval of the consent agenda consisting of: Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2021.

Authorization of Representatives for the CJPIA	Authorization of Representatives for the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried 8-0.
Closed Session	Open Session was recessed at 9:46 a.m. to convene in closed session to consider: DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Conference with Labor Negotiators (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6) – Authority designated representatives; Phil Moores and John Vallejo. Bargaining Group; ESTA-MCEA CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Anticipated Litigation: It is the intention of the Board to meet in closed session concerning the following item: Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to government code 54956.6(b) one case
Report on Closed Session	Closed session was recessed at 10:15 a.m. John Vallejo reported there was nothing to report from the closed session.
Board Member Comments	Director Griffiths reported Inyo & Mono are doing quite well with the vaccine roll out. Inyo is in the top 5 counties for vaccinations. He also commented that more businesses will be opening in the next tier and the summer should be closer to normal. Director Gardner commented that everyone over 50 and anyone over 16 with underlying conditions would be the next group to be vaccinated. He is looking forward to the next tier, red. California passes the 2 million mark for vaccinations. There has been more skiing in Mammoth Lakes and June Lake. There is a lot more dispersed camping in the Sierras, and is working to address the issue. Staffing is needed at the visitor center. There are ATV concerns. Director Duggan commented Mono county would be seeing 1000 people tomorrow for the next vaccine clinic. Director Duggan attended the Maco meeting this week, there will be new funds and funding will go directly to the counties. The Electric Bus could be a source for great marketing. Preparing for fishing opener. Director Schwartz commented the City of Bishop listened to public comment from restaurant owners to get back to indoor dining and easing up restrictions. Would like us to consider putting messages on new buses such as "Don't Trash the Sierras"

Director Sauser commented everyone desperately wants to get to the red tier, we missed it by .2%. He is concerned with how dispersed camping will be addressed.

Director Stapp commented all the work that Mr. Moores has been doing is great. Everyone in the communities are stepping up and coordinating.

Director Totheroh commented Inyo County is vaccinating 1,013 people this weekend. There is a blood drive coming up March 16-18 in Bishop by appointment.

Chairman Ellis thanked to the board and Mr. Moores. He commented that the bus drivers, they look happy.

Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board of Directors is scheduled April 9, 2021 at 11:00 am. Check ESTA website for details on attending the meeting.

Recorded & Prepared by:



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Board Clerk

Eastern Sierra Transit Authority

Minutes approved: 

