

EASTERN SIERRA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Minutes of Friday, May 14, 2021 Meeting

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 14, 2021, via Zoom. The following members were present: Bob Gardner, Karen Schwartz, Rhonda Duggan, Bill Sauser, Jim Ellis, Jeff Griffiths, and Kirk Stapp. Director Dan Tothoroh was absent. Phil Moores 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 May 7, 2021.

Ridership Report Mr. Moores presented the Ridership Report for March 2021.

Bishop Mobile Office Lease Mr. Moores presented a report on the lease of a mobile office for ESTA's Bishop location.

Swiftly Contract Mr. Moores present a report on the Swiftly Contract.

Reds Meadow Fare Increase – Public Hearing Public Hearing for comment on Reds Meadow Temporary Fare Increase opened at 9:28 am. There was no public comment. The Public Hearing was closed at 9:31 am.

Reds Meadow Temporary Fare Increase Moved by Director Gardner and seconded by Director Duggan to approve the temporary Reds Meadow Fare Increase for the summer of 2021.

Proposed Temporary fare: Adults \$15.00, Children \$7.00

Roll call vote taken.

Motion carried 7-0 with Director Tothoroh absent.

Approval of Revised Bus Purchase Moved by Director Griffiths and seconded by Director Sauser to ratify the purchase of two Starcraft Allstar F450 – Class C buses from Creative Bus Sales, in the amount of \$231,272.36 funded with an FTA Section 5310 grant and Inyo Capital Restricted STA funds or with funds from ESTA's capitol replacement account, with the busses to be ordered through the CalACT/MBTA purchasing cooperative.

Roll call vote taken. Motion carried 7-0. Director Totheroh absent.

Consent Agenda:

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

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2021.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2021.

Roll call vote taken. Motion carried 7-0. Director Totheroh absent.

Closed Session

Open Session was recessed at 9:39 am to convene in closed session to consider:

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Conference with Labor Negotiators (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6) 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.

Director Ellis recused himself.

Report on Closed Session

Closed session was recessed at 10:16 am. Director Sauser stated there was no action taken in closed session.

Board Member Comments

Director Gardner commented that Mammoth Lakes is working on their budget and there is a town hall meeting 5/25/21.

Director Griffiths commented that Inyo County is at 55.4% fully vaccinated and 72% for their 1st shot.

Director Duggan commented that it's really good to see agencies come together to work on solving the dispersed camping issue. Mammoth Lakes Tourism is working on their budget. Bluezapalooza is Aug. 5-8, it will be the 25th anniversary. Mono LTC discussed unmet transit needs. Motocross will be happening.

Director Schwartz commented that Mule Days is happening, although there will be no parade. Bishop is hosting a 4th of July day in the park with fireworks. Work is being done to rezone the downtown area.

Director Ellis said Mule Days should break even this year.

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Director Sauser said the Town of Mammoth Lakes is working on their budget. There will be fireworks at Crowley Lake on the 4th of July. CDC made changes on the mask issue but we still have to follow state rules.

Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10:24 am

The next regular meeting of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for August 13, 2021 at 11:00 am. Check ESTA website for details on attending the meeting.

Recorded & prepared by:



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Minutes approved: *June 25, 2021*

