

**EASTERN SIERRA TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**Minutes of Friday, April 9, 2021 Meeting**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority was called to order at 11:03 a.m. on Friday, April 9, 2021, via Zoom. The following members were present: Bob Gardner, Karen Schwartz, Rhonda Duggan, Bill Sauser, Dan Totheroh, Jim Ellis and Jeff Griffiths. Kirk Stapp joined the meeting at 11:13 a.m. 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 April 1, 2021.

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

FTA 5310 Bus Purchase Authorization            Director Griffiths left the meeting at 11:15 am.

Moved by Director Gardner and seconded by director Duggan for the purchase of two StarCraft Allstar F450 Class C buses from Creative Bus Sales, in the amount of \$229,800.12, funded with an FTA Section 5310 grant and Inyo Capital Restricted STA funds or with funds from ESTA's capital replacement account, with the busses to be ordered through the CalACT/MBTA purchasing cooperative.

Roll Call vote taken. Motion carried 7-0. Director Griffiths absent.

FTA Section 5311, 5311(f) and 5311 Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act CRRSSA

Moved by Director Totheroh and seconded by Director Gardner to approve Resolution 2021-03 authorizing the Executive Director to file and execute applications and supporting documentation on behalf of Eastern Sierra Transit Authority with the Department of Transportation to aid in the financing of planning, operating and/or capital assistance projects pursuant to Sections 5311 and 5311(f) of the Federal Transit Act including CRRSAA funds.

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

Community Rides Grant Application

Moved by Director Sauser and seconded by Director Totheroh to approve Resolution 2021-04 authorizing submittal of an application for grant funding under the National Rural Transit

Assistance Program, and to authorize the Executive Director to execute and file all documentation required.  
Roll call vote taken. Motion carried 7-0 with Director Griffiths absent.

Six-Month Summer Services Recommendation

Moved by Director Sauser and seconded by Director Stapp to approve the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority services planned to be operated through September 2021.

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

MMSA Ticket Sales and Line Hosting Agreement 2021

Moved by Director Gardner and seconded by Director Schwartz to approve the agreement with Mammoth Mountain Ski Area for the sale of Reds Meadow Shuttle tickets and line hosting for the 2021 season and to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute the Agreement.

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

Consent Agenda:

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

Approval Of Regular Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2021.

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Financial Audit Service Contract and Engagement Letter

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Approval MMSA Free Rides Agreement 2021-2022

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

Closed Session

Open Session was recessed at 11:39 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 Griffiths joined closed session at 12:03

Report on Closed Session

Closed session was recessed at 12:27 pm. John Vallejo stated there was no action taken in closed session.

Management and Confidential Employees MOU

Moved by Director Sauser and seconded by Director Totheroh to approve Resolution 2021-05, adopting and approving a Memorandum of Understanding between ESTA and the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Management & Confidential Employees Association (MCEA)

Roll call vote taken. Motion carried 8-0

Board Member Comments

Director Duggan commented that there is a lot of activity in the Town of Mammoth Lakes. Monitor Pass opened and everything else will be open by fishing opener. There has been a lot of deer migration.

Director Sauser said there are a lot of people looking forward to the opening of fishing season.

Director Stapp commented that deer are everywhere, be safe.

Director Schwartz indicated that there will be a supplement to Simmons ambulance with a 2<sup>nd</sup> ambulance service. The City of Bishop is actively recruiting for a new Police Chief.

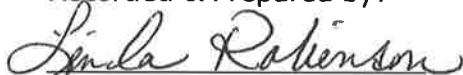
Director Ellis said thanked the Phil Moores and asked that drivers be warned about the deer migration.

Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12:34 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for May 14, 2021 at 9:00 am. Check ESTA website for details on attending the meeting.

Recorded & Prepared by:



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Minutes approved: *May 14, 2021*