

EASTERN SIERRA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Minutes of Friday, April 21, 2017 Regular 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 21, 2017 at the City of Bishop Council Chambers, Bishop California. The following members were present: Karen Schwartz, Bob Gardner, Cleland Hoff, Bill Sauser, Mark Tillemans, Kirk Stapp and Joe Pecs. Jeff Griffiths was absent. Director Schwartz led the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment	None.
Approval of Minutes	Moved by Director Hoff and seconded by Director Stapp to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 17, 2017. Motion carried 5-0, with Director Tillemans and Director Pesci abstaining and Director Griffiths absent.
Reds Meadow Road Rehabilitation Project Support	Moved by Director Stapp and seconded by Director Pecs to approve the draft letter of support for the Town of Mammoth Lakes' grant application for the rehabilitation of the Reds Meadow Road, and to authorize the Board Chair to sign the letter. Motion carried 7-0 with Director Griffiths absent.
Financial Report	Mr. Helm presented the Financial Report for the period ending April 19, 2017.
CalPERS Unfunded Liability Pay-Off	Moved by Director Pecs and seconded by Director Stapp to Approve the payoff of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority's CalPERS unfunded liability in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, Authorize a budget amendment to add up to \$500,000.00 to the PERS Retirement object code, Authorize a transfer of up to \$500,000.00 from the 1532 Eastern Sierra Transit Undesignated Fund Balance to pay for the increased PERS Retirement expenditure, and authorize the Executive Director and/or Auditor Controller to execute all required documentation with CalPERS to complete the unfunded liability payoff. Motion carried 7-0 with Director Griffiths absent.
Social Media Policy	Moved by Director Gardner and seconded by Director Pecs to approve the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Social Media Policy. Motion carried 7-0 with Director Griffiths absent.

2017 Bishop Creek Shuttle Special Use Permit

Moved by Director Sauser and seconded by Director Tillemmans to ratify the 2017 Special Use Permit application for the Bishop Creek Shuttle and to authorize the Executive Director to execute any additional required documents for the Permit. Motion carried 7-0 with Director Griffiths absent.

ESTA Governing Board Member Eligibility

Moved by Director Gardner and seconded by Director Hoff to extend the sunset provision regarding the appointment of a member of the public at large in subsection 1.2.2 of the ESTA Joint Powers Agreement to expire on December 31, 2018. Motion carried 7-0 with Director Griffiths absent.

Mammoth Transit Passenger Survey Results

The results of an online passenger survey for Mammoth Lakes that was conducted during the month of March was presented to the Board. ESTA intends to conduct the survey twice a year in the summer and the fall, and for the results to help inform transit decisions. Director Stapp suggested that local newspapers be provided the survey results and information about the value of the survey responses in helping ESTA to achieve its goals. It was suggested that publicizing the survey results might motivate more people to complete the survey in the future.

Operations Report

Mr. Helm presented the Operations Report for the month of March 2017.

Board Member Reports

Director Gardner reported positive responses to his fundraising efforts for the free 2017 June Lake Shuttle and believes that local businesses will provide the required funds.

Director Stapp reported the pending sale of Mammoth Lakes Ski Area to KSL Capital Partners. KSL's website indicates an interest in upgrading communities, concern for the environment and an interest in long term investments.

Director Peci reported attendance at an IMAH Board Meeting where he suggested Dial-A-Ride be used by IMAH.

Executive Director
Report

Mr. Helm reported that changes to Mammoth Lakes service go into effect Monday, April 24th with the Red Line being discontinued for the season and the Town Trolley route being expanded to operate from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. A Main Lodge Shuttle will provide service to Main Lodge from The Village at least until Memorial Day.

Mr. Helm reported that a video marketing piece is being made to promote the new Bishop Creek Route.

Mr. Helm reported that Vanessa Barron, the Bishop dispatcher is the employee of the quarter.

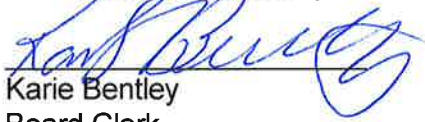
Mr. Helm reported that Bill SB-1 passed and should bring additional funding to transportation although the details are not yet known.

Future Agenda Items None.

Adjournment The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for May 19, 2017, in the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

Recorded & Prepared by:



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Minutes approved: