

EASTERN SIERRA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Minutes of Friday, November 17, 2017 Regular Meeting

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority was called to order at 8:35 a.m. on Friday, November 17, 2017 at the City of Bishop Council Chambers, in Bishop, California. The following members were present: Bob Gardner, Karen Schwartz, Joe Pecs, Bill Sauser Jeff Griffiths, Cleland Hoff and Kirk Stapp. Mark Tillemans was absent. Director Stapp led the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment	None.
Closed Secession	Open session was recessed at 8:38 to convene in closed session with Director Tillemans absent, to consider Agenda item #5 a. Conference with Labor Negotiators. (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6) – Authority designated representatives; John Helm. Bargaining Group; ESTA-MCEA. b. Public employee performance evaluation. (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)). Title: Executive Director.
Report on Closed Session	Closed session was recessed at 9:14 a.m. Director Schwartz reported that no action was taken during the closed session. Director Pecs was not present when open session reconvened at 9:14 a.m.
Approval of Minutes	Moved by Director Griffiths and seconded by Director Hoff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 20, 2017. Motion carried 5-0, with Directors Stapp abstaining and Director Tillemans and Pecs absent. Director Pecs returned to the meeting at 9:15 a.m.
Election of 2018 Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson	Director Griffiths requested Agenda Item 8, Old Mammoth Road Service be moved to the end of the meeting. Moved by Director Stapp and seconded by Director Pecs to appoint Director Stapp as Chairperson for 2018. Motion carried 7-0 with Director Tillemans absent. Moved by Director Pecs and seconded by Director Schwartz to appoint Director Griffiths as Vice-Chairperson for 2018. Motion carried 7-0 with Director Tillemans absent.

2018 Board Meeting
Calendar

Moved by Director Griffiths and seconded by Director Gardner to approve a 2018 Board Meeting Calendar. Motion carried 7-0 with Director Tillemans absent.

2018 Board Meeting Calendar:

January 19 in Bishop at 8:30 a.m.
February 16 in Mammoth at 11:00 a.m.
March 16 in Mammoth at 8:30 a.m.
April 20 in Bishop at 11:00 a.m.
May 18 in Bishop at 8:30 a.m.
June 15 in Mammoth at 11:00 a.m.
July 20 in Mammoth 8:30 a.m.
August 17 in Bishop at 11:00 a.m.
September 21 in Bishop at 8:30 a.m.
October 19 in Mammoth at 11:00 a.m.
November 16 in Mammoth at 8:30 a.m.
December 14 in Bishop at 11:00 a.m.

Financial Reports

Mr. Helm presented the Financial Report for FY 2017/18 for the period ending November 15, 2017.

Operations Reports

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

2016/2017 Annual
Report

Mr. Helm provided the 2016/2017 Annual Report.

At 9:31 a.m. Director Griffiths left the meeting.

Old Mammoth Road
Service Beyond
Snowcreek Athletic
Club

Mr. Helm reported on a community meeting, held on November 8th in Mammoth Lakes, regarding restoring service to Old Mammoth Road beyond the Snowcreek Athletic Club. Information detailing discussions and various public opinions regarding service options that ESTA and Town staff are considering was provided. Public input will continue being received through November 19th.

Board Member Reports

Director Hoff reported attendance at a Community Conversation in Mammoth Lakes on November 16, 2017 and reported continuing discussion about the discontinuation of the Gray Line.

Director Gardner reported about a meeting on November 14th in June Lake to discuss the free June Lake Summer Shuttle. One business person from June Lake attended. Director Gardner reported that, although ridership had increased, there probably isn't enough demand to have the shuttle in 2018 but will follow up with the Chamber of Commerce for additional opinions.

Executive Director
Report

Mr. Helm reported attendance in Mammoth Lakes at a wrap-up presentation addressing housing in Mammoth Lakes. The wrap-up concluded a series of meetings which had been happening over the past several months. No single solution was identified, and it was determined that a multiple phased approach needs to be taken.

Future Agenda Items

None.

Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for December 8, 2017, in the City of Bishop.

Recorded & Prepared by:



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Minutes approved:

December 8, 2017