

EASTERN SIERRA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Minutes of Friday, March 16, 2018 Regular Meeting

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority was called to order at 8:38 a.m. on Friday, March 16, 2018 at the Town of Mammoth Lakes Council Chambers, Mammoth Lakes, California. The following members were present: Bob Gardner, Karen Schwartz, Jeff Griffiths, Kirk Stapp, Cleland Hoff, Matt Kingsley, Jim Ellis and Bill Sauser. Director Sauser lead the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment	None.
Approval of Minutes	Moved by Director Hoff and seconded by Director Sauser to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 19, 2018. Motion carried 6-0, with Directors Ellis and Kingsley abstaining.
Consent Agenda	Moved by Director Griffiths and seconded by Director Ellis to approve the following Consent Agenda: a. Ratification of unpaid leave extension b. Renewal of lease agreement with Inyo County for office space at the Bishop Airport c. Renewal of lease agreement with Inyo County for bus parking area. d. Federal Fiscal Year 2018 Certifications and Assurances Motion carried 8-0.
Amendment of Legal Services Agreement	Moved by Director Kingsley and seconded by Director Ellis to approve the agreement with Inyo County for the provision of legal services, which authorizes an increase in compensation for these services, and to authorize the Chair to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board. Motion carried 8-0.
Board Member Stipend	Moved by Director Griffith and seconded by Director Sauser approve a policy authorizing the payment of a stipend to Eastern Sierra Transit Board members. Motion carried 6-2 with Directors Schwartz, Griffiths, Stapp, Kingsley, Ellis and Sauser voting in favor, and Directors Hoff and Gardner opposed.
Financial Reports	Mr. Helm presented the Financial Report for FY 2017/18 for the period ending March 13, 2018.
Operations Reports	Mr. Helm presented the Operations Report for the month of February 2018.


FY 2016/17 Audited Financial Report Explanation	This item was tabled until the next regular meeting scheduled for April 13, 2018.
Preliminary 2018/19 Budget	Mr. Helm presented the Preliminary 2018/19 Budget.
Bi-Annual Service Analysis	Moved by Director Ellis and seconded by Director Griffiths to approve the proposed Eastern Sierra Transit services to be operated from April through September 2018. Motion carried 8-0.
Board Member Reports	<p>Director Griffiths thanked Mr. Helm and other Eastern Sierra Transit staff for their work while recovering from recent staff turn-over and preparing for a new director.</p> <p>Director Ellis inquired about music on busses. Mr. Helm indicated a policy is in place.</p> <p>Director Kingsley is glad to be serving on Eastern Sierra Transit's board and indicated his past service on the Local Transportation Commission board has provided background on transit matters.</p> <p>Director Sauser inquired about whether the Historical Society was planning a program on Lakes Basin Trolley this year. Mr. Helm will find out.</p>
Executive Director Report	No report.
Future Agenda Items	None.
Closed Secession	<p>Open session was recessed at 9:42 a.m. to convene in closed session to consider Agenda item #16:</p> <p>a. Conference with Labor Negotiators. (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6) – Authority designated representatives; John Helm, John Vallejo. Bargaining Groups; ESTA-MCEA, ESTA-EEA.</p> <p>b. Public employment, employee recruitment. (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)). Position: Executive Director</p>
Report on Closed Session	Closed session was recessed at 11:23 a.m. Director Stapp indicated there was nothing to report from the closed session.

Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for April 13, 2018 in the City of Bishop.

Recorded & Prepared by:



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Minutes approved:

March 28, 2018