



MOUNTAIN AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2021

Mountain Area Regional Transit Authority's Board of Directors held a Regular meeting on Wednesday, March 17, 2021, via Zoom for all Board members, staff and public due to the current meeting restrictions pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20.

OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Miller called meeting to order at 10:32 A.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Kyle Schulty

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ROLL CALL

James Miller, Chair, 3rd Supervisorial District
David Caretto, Vice-Chair, City of Big Bear Lake
Kyle Schulty, Member, 2nd Supervisorial District
Alan Lee, Member, City of Big Bear Lake
Rodney Shepherd, Member At Large

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Sandy Benson, General Manager
Karen Wentworth, Clerk of the Board

OTHERS PRESENT

John Tubbs II, County Legal Counsel
Nancy Strickert, SBCTA
Todd Warden, AQMD

STAFF PRESENTATION

Ms. Benson presented Blanca Garcia to the Board of Directors as MT's first recipient of the new Employee Recognition Program. Ms. Garcia, currently a Utility worker, was recognized for her excellent work ethic, attention to detail, pride in her work and outstanding attitude. Ms. Garcia is currently in training to become a bus driver with MT. Ms. Garcia received a custom MT jacket, a Lucite award, and a gift certificate. Her photo will be the first displayed on perpetual plaques in both Big Bear and Crestline facilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comments

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chairman Miller called for any items to be pulled from the Consent Calendar. Vice-Chair Caretto made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, Board Minutes March 17, 2021, with corrections. Member Schuly seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Presented by Sandy Benson

Pali Camp offered to allow MT to use their facility for maintenance operations and bus storage during construction of the Crestline facility. Ms. Benson requested the Board give MT permission to trade transportation services for use of the facility. Chairman Miller asked if this needed an agenda item. Ms. Benson explained it would be similar to when MT provides special service with the Boards permission. Chairman Miller asked each Board Member if there were any objections to MT trading transportation service for the use of their facility. Board Members all responded to support the trade.

NEW BUSINESS

5. First Foundation Bank - Waiver of Security

Chairman Miller called for discussion. County Legal Counsel, John Tubbs II provided background on the item. Discussion followed including the CPA's suggestion that MT diversify funds to different banks. A motion by Vice Chair Caretto was made to approve the GM signing the First Foundation Bank Waiver of Security and gave approval to diversity bank funds. Member Shepherd seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

6. Resolution 2021-001: First Foundation Bank - Line of Credit Renewal

Chairman Miller called for discussion and a motion. Member Lee asked for a scenario to understand the necessity of having both reserves when there is a potential of overextended exposure. Ms. Benson provided a scenario. Vice-Chair Caretto added that over the years having the line of credit has provided the security for potential emergencies. A motion was made by Member Lee to approve renewal of the Line of Credit with First Foundation Bank. Vice-Chair Caretto seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

7. Vehicle Disposal

Chairman Miller called for discussion. Member discussion included questions regarding how the useful life is established. Member Lee stated he would like MT to consider replacing buses with trolleys in the future. Vice-Chair Caretto made a motion to approve disposal of vehicles #27, #28, #32, #55. Member Shepherd seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

GENERAL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administration –None


Board Members – Chairman Miller asked about in person board meetings in the future. Mr. Tubbs II stated that the County had resumed in-person meetings. Discussion followed. A determination will be made before the next meeting.

Mr. Lee announced he will be partnering with Mountain Mutual Aid Network on 3/28/2021 at 1:00PM at Veteran’s Park to provide a community give away for those who have been impacted by COVID. There will be many free items such as children’s clothing, food, and work clothing. He also announced he will be co-hosting a telephone community prayer on 4/3/2021 with Bear Valley Church.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 11:14 A.M.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 10:30 A.M. Location Crestline/Lake Gregory Chamber of Commerce, 24385 Lake Dr., Crestline, CA 92325. In-person attendance pending status of Executive Order N-29-20. This meeting will have Zoom Teleconferencing and be confirmed in the April agenda.



Karen Wentworth, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AT THE March 17, 2021 BOARD MEETING