



MOUNTAIN AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2021

Mountain Area Regional Transit Authority's Board of Directors held a Regular meeting on Wednesday, April 21, 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 10:33 A.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Member Lee

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
Michelle Kirkhoff, MK Consulting

STAFF PRESENTATION

Michelle Kirkhoff, MK Consulting, presented an overview of the Survey results for the Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP).

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 April 21, 2021, and Items 1-4. Member Lee seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Presented by Sandy Benson

After reporting on the successful Airport Service that was paid for in large part by Big Bear Mountain Resorts, Chairman Miller suggested MT staff meet with Airport Board to determine the Airport District's interest in supporting the service for their guests. Chairman Miller also suggested that staff contact the City regarding a Community Block Grant Project that may be able to fund bus stop improvements.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Resolution 2021-002 – LCTOP Authorized Agent/Certs & Assurances

Chairman Miller called for discussion and a motion. Vice-Chair Caretto made a motion to approve the General Manager to execute and file all applications for LCTOP. Member Schulty seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

6. Demonstration Project for Free Service in the City of Big Bear Lake

Ms. Benson gave an overview of a possible two (2) year demonstration project for new service. The service would be free trolley service in the City of Big Bear Lake, supported in part by a collaborative of community stakeholders including The City of Big Bear Lake, Visit Big Bear and Big Bear Mountain Resorts. Chairman Miller called for discussion and a motion. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Vice-Chair Caretto to approve a collaborative demonstration project for free trolley service in the City of Big Bear Lake. Chairman Miller seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

7. BBMR Winter 2021-2022 Service

Ms. Benson gave background on transportation service provided by Mountain Transit (MT) to Big Bear Mountain Resorts (BBMR) over the past four (4) years. She then discussed potential for more service to be provided by MT in the coming year. Chairman Miller called for discussion and a motion. Discussion followed. Member Lee made a motion to authorize MT staff to negotiate with BBMR for expanded service. Member Shepherd seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

GENERAL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administration – none

Board Members – none

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 11:30 A.M.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 10:30 A.M. Location: City of Big Bear Lake, Training Room, 39707 Big Bear Blvd., Big Bear Lake, CA 92315. This meeting will be open in-person to Board Members and Staff only. This meeting will have Zoom Teleconferencing for public.



Karen Wentworth, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AT THE MAY 19, 2021 BOARD MEETING