



MOUNTAIN AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2022

Mountain Area Regional Transit Authority's Board of Directors held a Regular meeting on Wednesday, June 15, 2022. Due to changed circumstances regarding the severity of COVID-19 public emergency, this meeting was approved by the Board of Directors to proceed as a teleconference meeting in compliance with waivers to certain provisions of the Brown Act pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) (AB 361), relating to a proclaimed state of emergency and required or recommended social distancing measures. There was no physical location for members of the public to participate. In compliance with the Brown Act, members of the public observed and participated in the meeting via Zoom.

OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Vice Chair Schulty

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ROLL CALL

Chairman, Jim Miller, 3rd Supervisorial District
Vice-Chair, Kyle Schulty, 2nd Supervisorial District
Bynette Mote, Member, City of Big Bear Lake
Perri Melnick, Member, City of Big Bear Lake
Vacant, Member At Large

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

John Tubbs II, County Legal Council (via Zoom)
Adam Ebright, County Legal Counsel
Todd Warden, AQMD (Via Zoom)
Rebekah Soto, SBCTA (Via Zoom)
Scott Rindenow, Lake Arrowhead (Via Zoom)

STAFF PRESENTATION

Sandy Benson presented Logan Stinson, MT Crestline Mechanic with the 2nd Quarter 2022 Employee Recognition

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNTY LEGAL COUNSEL

John Tubbs II introduced Adam Ebright. Mr. Ebright will replace Tubbs as Legal Counsel for Mountain Transit effective immediately. Mr. Tubbs has been assigned elsewhere but will be available to help Mr. Ebright with the transition.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comments

DISCUSSION ITEM: BROWN ACT: ASSEMBLY BILL AB361

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Chairman Miller called for discussion and a motion. Vice Chair Schulty made a motion to adopt AB361 findings. Member Mote seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chairman Miller called for any items to be pulled from the Consent Calendar. Member Mote made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, Board Minutes April 20, 2022, and Items 1-8. Member Melnick seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: The motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING REPORT

A Public Hearing was held on June 15, 2022, at 9:00 A.M. to present CMAQ Funding Application and MT FY23 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets. There were no comments regarding either item.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Presented by Sandy Benson

Ms. Benson requested the Board's permission to go to the City of Big Bear Lake to obtain a permit to use MT's Business Center lot again for Park n Ride if needed this winter. The Board members unanimously approved. Member Melnick if trash cans could be added to the bus stops on the west end of town. Member Mote suggested adding trash cans to the poles if possible. Ms. Benson explained the shelter ownership status and the current responsibility to maintain the shelters. Future MT owned shelters will model the Staters and Knickerbocker shelters with the trash cans installed.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Appointment of Member-At-Large

Chairman Miller called for discussion. The Board members requested to table this item until the July 20, 2022, Board meeting and instructed MT Staff to set up Zoom interviews with the candidates who submitted applications.

10. Proposed FY23 Operating & Capital Budgets

Ms. Benson provided supporting information regarding budget increases and decreases. Discussion surrounding the unknown status of the Teamsters Local 572 Union contract resulted in John Tubbs II requesting to be sent any communication from the Union and potentially draft a best and final letter from MT on 6/29/22 if nothing is received to begin negotiations. A closed session may be needed on the August Board agenda to discuss the represented employee wage approvals.

Chairman Miller called for additional discussion and a motion. Vice Chair Schulty made a motion to approve by Resolution 2022-005 the FY23 Operating & Capital Budgets. The motion was seconded by Chairman Miller. Roll Call Vote: The motion passed.

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11. Reduction of Holiday Service Hours

Chairman Miller called for discussion and motion. Ms. Benson provided background and stated the specific hours of operations on holidays would be reduced to 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 P.M. Member Melnick made a motion to approve the Reduction of Holiday Service Hours. Member Mote seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: The motion Passed.

12. Approve Board Meeting Schedule for FY23

Chairman Miller called for discussion and suggested to reduce the gap between October and February 2023 to have a meeting in January 2023. John Tubbs II stated the Board would be required to meet in June 2023 to approve the budget. After additional discussion it was decided that the meeting schedule would be increased to 7 meetings. Member Mote made a motion to amend and approve the FY22-23 Board Meeting schedule as follows: August 17, 2022 @ Snow Valley Mountain Resort, October 19, 2022 @ Crestline Chamber of Commerce, December 2022 NO MEETING, January 18, 2023 @ City of Big Bear Lake, Training Room, March 15, 2023 @ Snow Valley Mountain Resort, May 17, 2023 @ Crestline Chamber of Commerce, June 21, 2023 @ City of Big Bear Lake, Training Room.

GENERAL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administration – None

Board Members – None

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 11:50 A.M.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at 10:30 A.M. Location: Snow Valley Mountain Resort, 35100 CA HWY 18, Running Springs, CA 92382



Karen Wentworth, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AT THE August 17, 2022, BOARD MEETING