

MORONGO BASIN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Thursday, September 24, 2020 5:00PM  
Morongo Basin Transit Center  
62405 Verbena Road  
Joshua Tree, CA 92252

**ZOOM Meeting ID 960 4578 7046**  
**ZOOM Password 195342**

**ACTION MINUTES**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Drozd called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

**ROLL CALL** - On call of the roll the following Board Members were present: Merl Abel, Ellen Jackman, Karmolette O’Gilvie, Ben Sasnett and Jeff Drozd. McArthur Wright called in at 5:03pm. Mark Lundquist was absent.

**2.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

NONE

**3.0 CLOSED SESSION**

NONE

**4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

**5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

5.1 Minutes of the August 27, 2020 Board Meeting

5.2 Treasurer’s Report for July 2020

5.3 Warrant Register through August 31, 2020

5.4 Ridership Reports

5.5 Financial Reports

5.6 Administration Report

5.7 Operations Report

**ACTION:** Board Member Abel moved to approve the Consent Calendar (items 5.1 - 5.7); seconded by Board Member O’Gilvie: passed by Roll Call Vote (6-0).

## 6.0 ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSIONS AND/OR PARTICIPATION AND/OR ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

## 7.0 OLD BUSINESS

NONE

## 8.0 NEW BUSINESS

### 8.1 Short Range Transit Plan Presentation

Steve Wilks with IBI Group presented a snapshot of the Short Range Transit Plan results and recommendations. Slideshow available upon request.

### 8.2 RFP 19-01 Approval

Joe Meer, Procurement Director, recommend firms based on evaluation criteria contained in the solicitation for the Electric Shuttles.

**ACTION:** Board Member Wright moved to authorize staff to award contracts to the responsive manufacturers/dealers; seconded by Board Member Jackman: passed by Roll Call Vote (6-0).

### 8.3 General Manager's Benefit Adjustment

Mark Goodale, General Manager, requested medical coverage for three (3) months post-employment with MBTA.

Board Member Abel was part of the Oversight Management Committee and felt both Mark and Joe were reasonable with their requests and was not a major financial burden and fell in line with past precedence as far as some adjustments. MBTA was running a tight budget with covid affecting us but that did not diminish the amount of time, energy and effort the gentlemen bring to the agency.

**ACTION:** Board Member Abel moved to approve the adjustment as presented; seconded by Chairman Drozd: passed by Roll Call Vote (6-0).

### 8.4 Procurement Director Employment

Joe Meer, Procurement Director, requested his employment contract be renewed for five (5) years with a salary adjustment.

Board Member Abel believed Joe was doing a fantastic job and able to navigate the new regulations and requirements changing the type of transportation necessary in the future. They were very pleased to hear Joe wanted to continue working on the agency's behalf.

**ACTION:** Board Member O’Gilvie moved to approve the Procurement Director’s employment contract; seconded by Board Member Jackman: passed by Roll Call Vote (6-0).

**9.0 GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE**

Mark Goodale shared his experience inspecting the Gillig plant.

**10.0 FUTURE BOARD INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS**

NONE

**11.0 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Board Member Wright expressed appreciation to Mark and staff and was excited to see the new bus live.

Chairman Drozd would like to do a photo shoot when the new bus gets delivered.

**12.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:14pm Thursday, September 24, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheri Holsclaw, Asst. Board Secretary