

MORONGO BASIN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**SPECIAL MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Thursday, April 1, 2021 4:00PM  
Twentynine Palms City Hall  
6136 Adobe Road  
Twentynine Palms, CA 92277

**ACTION MINUTES**

**1.0 CLOSED SESSION**

NONE

**2.0 CALL TO ORDER** –Chair Mintz called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Ben Sasnett led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL** - On call of the roll the following Board Members were present:  
Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Ellen Jackman, Mark Lundquist, Ben Sasnett and Daniel L Mintz Sr.  
McArthur Wright arrived at 4:14pm.

**3.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

NONE

**4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

**5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 5.1 Minutes of the January 28, 2021 Board Meeting
- 5.2 Treasurer’s Report for December 2020 and January 2021
- 5.3 Warrant Register through February 28, 2021
- 5.4 Ridership Reports
- 5.5 Financial Reports
- 5.6 Administration Report
- 5.7 Operations Report

- 5.8 2021 Board Calendar
- 5.9 Audited Financial Report Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020
- 5.10 LCTOP Zero Emission Vehicle

**ACTION:** Board Member Abel moved to approve the Consent Calendar (items 5.1 - 5.10); seconded by Board Member Sasnett; 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 California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust (CERBT)**

**8.2 California Employers' Pension Prefunding Trust (CEPPT)**

Mark Goodale explained California Employers' Retiree Benefit (CERBT) to Prefund Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) through CalPERS and the California Employers' Pension Prefunding Trust (CEPPT) and discussed the benefits of prefunding these programs.

Jasper Jacobs and Matt Goss with CalPERS joined the meeting remotely to provide more details when necessary. After discussions, it was determined MBTA would invest conservatively at first but could always switch to a different strategy in the future to invest more aggressively.

**ACTION:** Board Member Abel moved to adopt Resolution 21-02 for item 8.1 and 1) Approve the California Employers' Pension Prefunding Trust Program (CEPPT) Agreement with CalPERS; 2) Approve the Delegation of Authority, Appointing the General Manager, Office Manager and Office Manager to Administer and Request Disbursements from California Employer's Pension Prefunding Trust; 3) Approve the California Employers' Pension Prefunding Trust Program (CEPPT) Certification of Funding Policy; 4) Approve an Initial Funding Investment of \$10,034 Monthly Payments During FY 2021/22 for a Total of \$120,408 to Develop the Trust Account for item 8.2; seconded by Board Member Wright; passed by Roll Call Vote (7-0).

**8.3 Approval of Token Transit (Cashless Fare System)**

Mark Goodale provided information on Token Transit, a one-size fits most mobile payment system, which would initially be paid by SBCTA and evaluated by MBTA at the end of three-years. Zachary Browne joined the meeting remotely to provide details on how Token Transit worked.

**ACTION:** Board Member Wright moved to authorize staff to enter into a three-year agreement with Token Transit beginning FY 2021/22; seconded by Board Member Drozd: passed by Roll Call Vote (7-0).

**8.4 Procurement PowerPoint Update**

This was deferred until May's meeting.

**8.5 FY 2021/22 Draft MBTA Operating and Capital Budgets**

Mark Goodale, General Manager, provided details for items within the FY 2021/22 draft budgets. The Board provided no direction on changes.

Board Member Abel requested following up with a mid-year review on the budget and asked if MBTA was mandated by law to regulate taxi. Mark explained the City of Twentynine made arrangements with MBTA long ago to regulate taxis.

**9.0 GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE**

Mark Goodale informed the Board that about 50% of MBTA employees were vaccinated. He would safely recommend it to the employees but was not making it a requirement.

**10.0 FUTURE BOARD INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS**

Board Member Abel mentioned a conversation at the previous board meeting about possibly adjusting board stipends since the meetings were changed to every other month and recommended that be on the next board agenda.

**11.0 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Board Member Lundquist thanked staff for the great job on the presentation of the budget and was impressed the budget only increased by 5.2% in today's world.

Board Member Jackman wished she could have attended in person but looked forward to seeing everyone next time.

Board Member Wright apologized for being late.

Board Member Sasnett was very happy to have met in person.

**12.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:04pm Thursday, April 1, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheri Holsclaw, Asst. Board Secretary