

MORONGO BASIN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Thursday, May 27, 2021 5:00PM
Yucca Valley Town Hall, Yucca Room
57090 Twentynine Palms Hwy
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

ACTION MINUTES

1.0 CLOSED SESSION

NONE

2.0 CALL TO ORDER – Vice Chair Abel called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mark Lundquist 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, McArthur Wright. Ben Sasnett and Daniel L Mintz Sr were absent.

3.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Matt Atkins, Operations Manager, recognized Linda Streich as the Employee of the Quarter. This was Linda's third time receiving Employee of the Quarter in the 8 years she had been with MBTA. Her ability to fill-in in dispatch was a great help. Vice Chair Abel congratulated her and told her she was very much appreciated.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Curtis Yakimow, Yucca Valley Town Manager, thanked everyone for coming to Yucca Valley. He has enjoyed the camaraderie and partnership with MBTA as a joint powers. Mr. Yakimow thanked MBTA staff for the Town in getting residents to testing and vaccination sites without an issue. He also expressed his support to the MBTA budget.

5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

5.1 Minutes of the April 1, 2021 Special Board Meeting

5.2 Treasurer's Report for February and March 2021

5.3 Warrant Register through April 30, 2021

5.4 Ridership Reports

5.5 Financial Reports

- 5.6 Administration Report
- 5.7 Operations Report
- 5.8 Renewal of Pacific Western Bank Credit Line: Resolution 21-03
- 5.9 Resolution 21-04 to Authorize the General Manager to apply for Fiscal Years 2021/22 2022/23 and 2023/24 Grant Funding for Capital and Operating Assistance
- 5.10 Transportation Reimbursement Escort Program (TREP) Update

ACTION: Board Member Drozd moved to approve the Consent Calendar (items 5.1 - 5.10); seconded by Board Member McArthur: passed by Roll Call Vote (5-0).

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 Board Member Stipend

Vice Chair Abel requested this item to be brought forward since it was mentioned in a previous meeting and wanted to make it official but felt it would be fine to keep the stipend at \$100 per meeting.

ACTION: Vice Chair Abel moved to keep the Board Member stipend at \$100 per meeting; seconded by Board Member Lundquist: passed by Roll Call Vote (5-0).

8.2 Approval of FY 2021/22 MBTA Operating and Capital Budgets

Mark Goodale noted the only change from the FY 2021/22 draft budget presented the month before was the increase in insurance costs. There were no public comments.

ACTION: Board Member Drozd moved to approve FY 2021/22 MBTA Operating and Capital Budgets; seconded by Board Member McArthur: passed by Roll Call Vote (5-0).

8.3 CMAQ Grant Request

Mark Goodale requested the Board approve a CMAQ request to purchase 2 Class H vehicles. Board Member Lundquist opened discussion on how close MBTA was to the electric vehicle mandate. Nancy Strickert made clear that the SBCTA Board allocated the CMAQ amount to MBTA based on their need so MBTA would definitely receive

the CMAQ funding if the Board approved this grant request. There were no public comments.

ACTION: Vice Chair Abel moved to approve the CMAQ grant request in the amount of \$1,073,662 to purchase two replacement vehicles; seconded by Board Member Jackman: passed by Roll Call Vote (5-0).

8.4 Revisions to Employee Handbook

Mark Goodale explained the two changes to the handbook removing vacation restrictions to be more flexible and the addition of the California Family Rights Act section. Vice Chair Abel recently read a book on flexibility in the workplace, options such as leave without pay or working remotely a few days a week and suggested considering a survey with employees to find out what would make their job more pleasant.

ACTION: Board Member Wright moved to approve the 2021 Employee Handbook revisions; seconded by Board Member Drozd: passed by Roll Call Vote (5-0).

8.5 Procurement PowerPoint Update

Joe Meer, Procurement Director, presented a PowerPoint to provide the Board with an update.

9.0 GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE

NO UPDATE

10.0 FUTURE BOARD INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

11.0 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board Member Lundquist thanked Joe for his presentation; it was very enlightening.

Board Member Jackman also thanked Joe and said it was good to see everyone.

Board Member Drozd thanked everyone for their hard work.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:07pm Thursday, May 27, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheri Holsclaw, Asst. Board Secretary