

MORONGO BASIN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Thursday, September 30, 2021 5:00PM  
MBTA Operations Center  
62405 Verbena Road  
Joshua Tree, CA 92252

**ACTION MINUTES**

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

**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, Danielle Harrington, Ben Sasnett, McArthur Wright and Daniel L  
Mintz Sr. Ellen Jackman arrived at 5:07.

**2.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

2.1 Recognition of Outgoing Board Member

Mark Goodale, General Manager, thanked Mark Lundquist for his immense support and his efforts and contributions to MBTA. Vice Chair Merl said Mark was well respected in our community and he really appreciated all his years of service to the Morongo Basin.

2.2 Recognition of New Board Member

Mark Goodale, General Manager, introduced Danielle Harrington as the new designee for Dawn Rowe replacing Mark Lundquist on the Board. Danielle was a local resident and a policy advisor for Supervisor Rowe.

2.3 GILLIG Presentation

The presentation of the GILLIG bus was deferred to the end of the meeting.

**3.0 CLOSED SESSION**

NONE

**4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

## **5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 5.1 Minutes of the July 22, 2021 Board Meeting
- 5.2 Treasurer's Report for June and July 2021
- 5.3 Warrant Register through August 31, 2021
- 5.4 Ridership Reports
- 5.5 Financial Reports
- 5.6 Administration Report
- 5.7 Operations Report
- 5.8 Copier Purchase
- 5.9 Approval of Vehicle Purchase
- 5.10 Can-A-Ride Day on November 18, 2021

**ACTION:** Board Member Danielle Harrington abstained. Vice Chair Abel moved to approve the Consent Calendar (items 5.1 - 5.10); seconded by Board Member Wright: 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 Transportation Assistance Grant (TAG) Awards

Joe Meer, Director of Cooperative Purchasing and Grants, brought forward a recommendation of applications that deemed complimentary to MBTA's service for a total allocation of \$59,715.

Vice Chair Abel thanked the applicants for all that they do for our community.

**ACTION:** Board Member Wright moved to approve the TAG awards as presented; seconded by Board Member Drozd: passed by Roll Call Vote (7-0).

- 8.2 RFP 21-01 Bus Shelters and Accessories Approval

Joe Meer, Procurement Director, presented an updated bid to replace RFP 16-01.

**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).

**9.0 GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE**

Mark Goodale reported the free fare day on September 22<sup>nd</sup> only cost MBTA \$468.

**10.0 FUTURE BOARD INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS**

Vice Chair Abel requested sub committee assignments be on the next agenda.

**11.0 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Board Member Sasnett congratulated Mark Lundquist. He was a good fit for MBTA.

Chair Mintz welcomed Danielle Harrington to the Board.

**12.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:43pm Thursday, September 30, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheri Holsclaw, Assistant Board Secretary