

GUNNISON VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2022

Gunnison County Commissioners Chambers

A. INTRODUCTION

Janet Farmer called the meeting to order at 8:13 am

Board members in attendance: Janet Farmer, Boe Freeburn, Jim Miles

Board members in attendance via ZOOM: Elizabeth Smith, Anna Fenerty, Roland Mason, Jason MacMillan

Also present: Scott Truex, Leia Morrison, Kent Myers, John Norton (ZOOM), Bill Tomcich, Garrett Brafford (ZOOM), Cindy Barbour, Landon Ogilvie (ZOOM) Danny Bartelli, Jon Gally, and community members

CONSENT AGENDA

B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

C. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- 1) Approval of December 10, 2021 meeting minutes

D. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Air program reports
- 2) Bus program reports

Boe Freeburn ***moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.*** Jim Miles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

F. OLD BUSINESS

3) Airport Update - Rick Lamport

Lamport reported that the pre-ski flight season for American Airlines (AA) was challenging due to airport construction but was able to start up successfully. The major demolition is now over and everything is beginning to come together and we are able to operate and accommodate ski season flights. Inclement weather has hampered some outdoor progress on airport construction. Scott Truex commented that he has flown out of the airport several times and everything has gone smoothly despite construction and interruptions in service due to weather. Lamport added that passengers have been great with very few complaints.

4) Tourism Association Report - John Norton

Norton reported that TAPP has launched a major social media campaign that focuses on Crested Butte's 99" snowfall during the December storms as well as the opening of the extreme terrain. Norton reported that we are entering our heaviest booking season. TAPP's marketing

efforts will be focused on air markets that they have identified and collaborated on with Vail including those flying through Denver as well as EPIC pass holders. Norton shared that Gunnison retailers have unofficially reported all-time high revenues for December. Norton thanked the RTA, Alpine Express, and Mountain Express for their excellent service provided during the holiday season.

5) Bus service update - Scott Truex

Truex reported that long-awaited parts for bus repairs are beginning to arrive. He commended Alpine Express for a great job of keeping manpower in place during a difficult season. As of December 20th, the fleet has moved to all RTA coach buses. The app allowed us to communicate with riders when smaller buses were being utilized. There was an exhaust leak that has since been fixed on the new bus (bus 507). Alpine Express will remind all drivers that masks must be worn over face and nose the entire ride. This was in response to Boe Freeburn's concern over some drivers not wearing masks properly.

6) Air Command Report - Scott Truex

All major Air Command topics will be discussed further at this meeting

7) 2021 Winter air service discussion – Kent Myers & Bill Tomcich

Bill Tomcich presented a brief slide show discussing the reasons for operational challenges over the holidays. He discussed aircraft shortages, weather delays, aged avionics technology, and crew shortages that impacted December flights across the industry. Kent Myers added that GUC did pretty well and that bookings for the winter continue to grow. Myers commended TAPP for their marketing efforts.

8) 2022 spring air service - Kent Myers & Bill Tomcich

Myers reported that although some flights are loaded they are still considered placeholders and will most likely be changed.

9) 2022 summer air service - Kent Myers & Bill Tomcich

Myers reported that United Airlines reached out asking for a summer contract. Tomcich pointed out that beginning June 3rd, the weekend summer flight will be a RON. As of today there are three daily flights loaded into the summer schedule but are also placeholder flights. Myers predicts that if we are successful in getting the Dallas flight from American Airlines then United will reduce their schedule to two flights per day. Roland Mason asked if the Small Community Air Service Development (SCASD) Grant was specific to American Airlines and Myers confirmed that it is since American wrote the letter support for the additional air service. Myers reminded the board that we have three years to get this new service started according to the grant.

10) Bus Storage Facility Construction - Scott Truex & Leia Morrison

Truex reported that we will receive the 90% drawings from the architect by January 20th. We should have a final cost estimate by February 2nd. Truex is curious to see what the final cost estimate will be considering the dramatic rise in construction costs. We cannot go past the 90%

drawings without receiving the NEPA categorical exclusion. Drawings have been sent to the POA for review and we are waiting to hear back. Truex reported that final drawings should be completed by March 7th, bids back by April 11th with construction beginning in early May. There may be an additional meeting called in April to award a construction contract.

11) Lazy K housing purchase - Scott Truex & Leia Morrison

Truex reported that the first floor appears to be complete. We are still on schedule for late summer/early fall completion.

12) West Denver housing purchase – Scott Truex & Leia Morrison – no project update

13) GVH Senior Transportation bus barn and housing project update – Scott Truex & Leia Morrison

Truex reported that we may not be able to go forward with this project due to the fact that the initial cost estimate is 2 ½ times more expensive than projected. There was discussion on draft stipulations regarding proposed MOU between GVRTA, GVH, and Gunnison County and the Board agreed to the stipulations. Truex will continue to elicit estimates for construction and keep the board informed.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comments were submitted.

H. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

Truex reported that a new Senior Transportation Manager, Scott Frick has been hired. The transition has been smooth.

Truex reported that we have had a couple of CNG station outages. The system was almost completely shut down due to a frozen line, however, a technician was able to repair it. A backup solution needs to be settled upon. Cindy reported that the diesel buses saved us from shutting down the bus system which is something to consider for the future. Jon Gally recommended that the lines receive cladding to prevent future freezing of the CNG station.

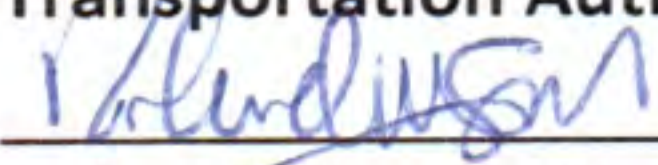
NEW BUSINESS

1) Election of officers of the GVRTA for 2022

Jim Miles moved to elect Janet Farmer for Chair, Jim Miles for Vice-Chair, Roland Mason for Secretary, and Jason MacMillan for treasurer. Boe Freeburn seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

These minutes are the final version approved by the Board of Directors of the Gunnison Valley Transportation Authority at its meeting on February 11, 2022.



Roland Mason, Secretary