

GUNNISON VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2023

Crested Butte Town Council Chambers

A. INTRODUCTION

Janet Farmer called the meeting to order at 8:06 am

Board members in attendance: Janet Farmer, Boe Freeburn, Jason MacMillan, Roland Mason, Steve Morris, Liz Smith, Anna Fenerty

Also present: Scott Truex, Leia Morrison, Bill Tomcich, Jon Galle, Jeff Moffett, Rick Lamport, Andrew Sandstrom (ZOOM), Cindy Barbour (ZOOM), and community members

CONSENT AGENDA

B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

C. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- 1) Approval of November 4, 2022, meeting minutes

D. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. OLD BUSINESS

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

G. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Ratification of the THIRD AMENDMENT TO CITY OF GUNNISON MASTER DEED RESTRICTION as pertains to the GVRTA Five Plex located on Lot 5 of the Lazy K subdivision
- 2) Memo regarding the use of GVRTA funds for park improvements

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

REGULAR AGENDA

F. OLD BUSINESS

3) Airport Update - Rick Lamport

Rick Lamport reported on the recent delays and cancellations due to weather and the updates to the airport's new construction.

4) Tourism and Prosperity Partnership Association Report - Andrew Sandstrom

Andrew Sandstrom reported that TAPP is currently marketing to our defined target audiences.

5) Bus service update - Scott Truex

Scott Truex reported that nine of the last ten months had record numbers for ridership. We moved 1980 people on New Year's Eve. With the chains, aggressive tires, and the new

suspension system, the buses are not having any issues climbing the hill. There are currently two drivers in the five-plex and a third moving in next week. By next month all units are expected to be full. The city of Gunnison initiated the removal of the deed restriction on the townhomes. The Fading West five-plex project should be completed by next fall. Scott Truex reported that there have been staffing issues with the senior transportation program and discussed the possibility of using one or two of our units for senior service staff. Senior Transportation received a Toyota Sienna that is now in circulation and has been wrapped. Scott Truex has also been working with City and County planners on HWY 135 and HWY 50 access plans. We are also working on the concrete aprons at the maintenance facility in Gunnison. The RTA will test an electric bus on our route (Sunday, February 12th). Drivers request a bathroom at the Teller stop and a shield to be installed in all new buses. Boe Freeburn said there was a bad smell at the Mochas bus stop and reported garbage overflowing at several stops. The RTA was one busload short of ¼ million passengers in 2022. The RTA and Alpine Express are working to improve the alert system on the app.

7) Air Command Report - Scott Truex

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

9) 2022-2023 Winter Air Service - Bill Tomchich

Bill reported that Houston and Denver service has done very well this season. Dallas was down on American. JSX introduced the service in November, and they will be providing us with reports and advanced booking data. The bookings are pretty soft this season. Enplanements have been around 51,000. A discussion of the current cancellations and delays ensued. J

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

Scott Truex reported that the interior is currently being worked on. We are scheduled to be able to use the facility in March, and buses will arrive in April.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No one here for public comment

H. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

Anna Fenerty questioned what "transportation system" means, and a discussion ensued. There was also discussion on the ability to speak to the emissions we create and save from our CNG bus system.

The board recognized Roland Mason's 17 years of service on the RTA.

The board discussed and agreed to move the next meeting to February 17th.

New Business

1) Election of officers of the GVRTA for 2023

Jason MacMillan moved to appoint the a slate with Janet Farmer serving as Chair, Jim Miles as Vice Chair, Jason MacMillan as Treasurer, and Liz Smith as Secretary.

Steve Morris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2) Airport survey – winter 22-23 – update – Bill Tomcich & Leia Morrison

The survey is underway right now. There have been challenges because of recent flight disruptions and JSX's alternative business model.

Air Planners update - Bill Tomcich


Bill Tomcich updated the board on his plan to bring on additional help with the addition of Matt Skinner, who has been highly involved in Colorado's western slope air service and corresponding support programs over the past twenty years. Bill will be exclusively focused on the air programming plan in Gunnison, and Matt will continue to be in charge of Montrose/Telluride with no overlap. Scott Truex shared with the board that he believes this will be of benefit to the valley and to the RTA.

3) Discussion regarding the possibility of allowing limited board member attendance of board meetings via Zoom.

The board discussed the pros and cons of this allowance. Scott Truex recommended that the board allow for a policy that allows for this to occur a couple of times a year. Scott Truex will talk to Kathleen Fogo about drafting this policy.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 am

These minutes are the final version approved by the Board of Directors of the Gunnison Valley Transportation Authority at its meeting on ~~January 6~~, 2023.

  
Elizabeth K. Smith, Secretary

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