

GUNNISON VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
MEETING MINUTES

June 28, 2024

Gunnison County Commissioners Meeting Room

A. INTRODUCTION

Janet Farmer called the meeting to order at 8:02 am

Board members in attendance: Janet Farmer, Laura Puckett Daniels, Steve Morris, Ian Billick, Diego Plata, Anna Fenerty, Matt Schwartz and Liz Smith (ZOOM)

Also present are Scott Truex, Rick Lamport, Bill Tomcich, Dean Herrera, Landon Ogilvie, and community members

CONSENT AGENDA

B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

C. APPROVAL OF MAY 17, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

D. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. OLD BUSINESS

1) Air program reports

2) Bus program reports

Laura Puckett Daniels ***moved to approve the consent agenda.*** Anna Fenerty seconded the motion. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

**REGULAR AGENDA**

F. OLD BUSINESS

1) Review and possible authorization of window art on buses for GVHEAT

Anna Fenerty ***moved to approve the window art on buses for GVHEAT.*** Laura Puckett Daniel seconded the motion. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

2) Bus operating and capital planning project update

Mikhail Kaminer presented to the board the results of the Winter survey and provided an update on current summer survey activity, feedback highlights, and next steps.

3) Airport Update

Rick Lamport reported that the ramp project was completed this Monday and that the taxiway project will also be happening (FAA grant, depending). He said that the airport goes through a Title VI program and that he will be sharing the results with the board. Rick reported that the ground power units at the airport that will be powered by the electrical service at the airport have been purchased, making the CO2 zero. Rick was happy to report that Bar 76 is running great and is expanding to provide a grab-and-go and general merchandise at the airport.

#### 4) Tourism and Prosperity Partnership Association (TAPP)

No update.

#### 5) Bus service update

Scott Truex said he should have an update on the grant applications by the September board meeting. Truex reported that bus ridership is 24% up and that staffing issues have been mostly resolved. Landon Ogilvie from Alpine Express updated the board on the hiring process, including the CDL schooling. Alpine Express also reported that one housing unit is still available. Scott reported that the RTA has had many mechanical issues with our buses lately, with our biggest problem being delays in receiving parts. We have received feedback from riders that they are very happy with the new bike racks.

#### 6) Air Service Update

Bill Tomcich updated the board on the May service results, which ended up very good for GUC, with a load factor of 68% and a 100% completion rate. For summer, Bill reported that overall, we are on pace with last year's pace; however, July is still pacing 9% behind, and August is pacing 14% ahead. JSX has also increased service from Dallas with nine flights per week. In May, JSX only ran a 35% load factor. For next winter, Bill reported that United will continue with twice daily and some additional weekend flights. Under an MRG agreement, Houston will also be running its typical winter service. A discussion regarding the future of the MRG ensued.

#### G. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Eddie Avila, the airport mechanic, updated the board on his work, including his current audits. United and Skywest are very happy with his service. Rick Lamport also wanted to publicly thank Eddie for his work and service and remind the board that the airport contributes \$120,000.000 to the community every year.

#### H. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

Scott Truex reported that we submitted our Insurance with CIRSA, and our audit is also due.

#### I. New Business

- 1) Resolution #2, Series 2024 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GUNNISON VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF THE GUNNISON VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Ian Billick *moved to adopt Resolution #2, Series 2024 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GUNNISON VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF THE GUNNISON VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY.* Anna Fenerty seconded the motion. *The motion passed unanimously.*

- 2) Gunnison Enhanced Bus Stop and GVRTA Offices

Scott Truex said that the next step is to meet with the Gunnison City Council, and the board will be updated at the August meeting.

3) Winter 2024-2025 Bus Schedule

Ian Billick ***moved to approve the 2024-2025 Winter Bus Schedule as presented.***

Anna Fenerty seconded the motion. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

4) RFP Process for choosing a contractor for Commuter Bus Service beginning in November 2025


Scott Truex asked if the board had any concerns about the process, and the discussion followed. Truex reported that a new contract will likely be for one year with four or five extensions due to TABOR. The Board discussed the possibility of adding metrics for success to any new contract. Truex will bring a first draft of the RFP to the November meeting.

5) Discussion regarding air service consulting contract for 2025-26

Liz Smith feels that a periodic RFQ assures the board that they are fulfilling their responsibility. Ian Billick asked why it is set up as a consulting role rather than a staffing approach. Scott Truex spoke about the history of staffing at the RTA. Ian Billick does not recommend an RFQ process. Laura Puckett Daniels questioned the staffing structure as a whole. Anna Fenerty recommends adding to the contract language about an annual review. Janet Farmer recommends not going through the RFQ process but instead looking at creating an org chart. Steve Morris agreed with the plan to move forward without an RFQ. Scott Truex will include a discussion on the next agenda about potential changes to the organizational chart of the RTA and an accountability process for Airplanners.

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 am.

**These minutes are the final version approved by the Board of Directors of the Gunnison Valley Transportation Authority at its meeting on August 9, 2024.**

  
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Diego Plata, Secretary