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SUMMIT COUNTY TRANSIT BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, January 27, 2021, 8:15 a.m.

SUMMARY MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The virtual Meeting of the Summit County Transit Board on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 was called to order by Chair, Kent Willis, at 8:15 a.m. via Zoom.

II. ROLL CALL

Board Members present and answered to the roll call were:

Kent Willis, Chair – Town of Frisco
Becky Bowers - Upper Blue Basin (At Large Member)
Dan Burroughs – Town of Dillon (Alternate)
Tom Daugherty – Town of Silverthorne
Cindi Gillespie – Copper Mountain Ski Resort
Kyle Hendricks – Town of Dillon
Bentley Henderson – Summit County (Alternate)
Matt Holsey – Breckenridge Ski Resort
Susan Juergensmeier - Snake River Basin (At Large Member)
Tom Koehler - Ten Mile Basin (At Large Member)
Elisabeth Lawrence – Summit County
Patrick O’Sullivan – Arapahoe Basin Ski Resort
Ted Pilling – Town of Blue River
Jen Pullen – Town of Breckenridge
Steve Swanson- Lower Blue Basin (At Large Member)
Scott Verlinde – Keystone Ski Resort

Staff present were as follows: Chris Lubbers, Transit Director; Teddy Wilkinson, Operations Manager; Bruce Camping, Planner and Vivian Pershing, Administrative Assistant.

Additional Attendees: Jason Miller, Senior Associate-Fehr & Peers, Kevin Yoder, General Manager-First Vehicle, and Trevor Tandy, I-70 solutions.org.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

The minutes from the December 9, 2020 Summit County Transit Board Meeting and January 27 meeting agenda were reviewed. Tom Daugherty moved to approve, second by Steve Swanson; motion carried.

IV. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

At Large Transit Board members and additional attendees were welcomed by Kent Willis and Chris Lubbers. There were no public comments.

V. REGULAR MONTHLY UPDATE ITEMS

A. Financial Report

Chris Lubbers discussed the Transit Financial Summary and Budget Report in detail, focusing on current

operating expenditures, revenue and grants, services and maintenance. Bentley Henderson inquired about recruitment and retention measures. Mr. Lubbers encouraged active local and outside recruitment and review of wages and benefits. Becky Bowers recommended possible advertising for seasonal employees through local RV Resorts and companion magazines. Jen Pullen offered consideration of RTD layoffs, those changing careers and bus driving during a pandemic. Teddy Wilkinson agreed and mentioned new driver's thoughts of the lifestyle change of Summit County housing. Mr. Swanson and Mr. Lubbers reviewed expenses for the line item of professional assistance. Kyle Hendricks and Mr. Lubbers discussed wage surveys and employee benefit comparisons and resorts. The Financial Report was approved unanimously by the board present.

B. Operations Report

Teddy Wilkinson explained the Transit Operations in detail, focusing on current fixed-route passenger counts, ridership changes by route with year over year comparisons, operating expenditures, and current mass transit sales tax receipts. The gap in driver staffing since 2017 seems to be closed, vacation allowances restored, and planning for summer schedule has begun to include service to midnight, an express over Swan Mountain Road and a spring Swan Mountain Flyer route. Elisabeth Lawrence asked about Transit solutions to crowded trail heads. Overloads on weekends to Copper Mountain have been successful. A Proterra Battery-Electric Bus has been down for air compressor issues. Mr. Willis, Mr. Henderson, Ms. Lawrence, Kevin Yoder, Susan Juergensmeier and Jen Pullen discussed maintenance issues, service, warranty terms and other electric comparisons and performance. Opening for the Silverthorne Transit Center is planned for March when power to the parking garage is retained. The Metrics for preventable and non-preventable accidents and total miles with comparisons since 2017 was given showing the preventable accident rate has been reduced. The Operations Report was approved unanimously by the board present.

C. Maintenance Report

Mr. Yoder reviewed maintenance staffing, work orders, bus and para transit availability, warranty issues, road calls, costs and parts availability. The Maintenance Report was approved unanimously by the board present.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Short Range Transit Plan Update

Jason Miller of Fehr & Peers summarized the five year Transit Plan of analyzing ridership data, route information, commuter characteristics, census data, seasonal variations, revenue sources, expenses and financial effectiveness. Goals and recommendations were defined of restoring service recently cut from existing routes, establishing new express routes, and developing organizational capacity with supportive infrastructure and fleet. Implementation strategies were discussed and marketing and outreach investments encouraged. Advantages and disadvantages for a regional transit agency were reviewed. Mr. Henderson, Mr. Lubbers and Ms. Lawrence discussed financial benchmarks and performance measures. Board members requested copies of slides and info graphics. Mr. Miller discussed ridership numbers nationwide and rise of choices with Uber and Lyft. Mr. Daugherty, Ms. Bowers and Bruce Camping mentioned impacts of vacation rentals and residential route ridership with service cuts. Staff was encouraged to set top priorities for a capital plan, operations and revenues for future meetings.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The monthly meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.