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### **SUMMIT COUNTY TRANSIT BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, February 23, 2022, 8:15 a.m.

#### **SUMMARY MINUTES**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The monthly meeting of the Summit County Transit Board on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 was called to order by Chair, Kent Willis at 8:15 a.m.

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

Board Members present and answered to the roll call were:

Kent Willis, Chair – Town of Frisco  
Josh Blanchard – Summit County  
Becky Bowers - Upper Blue Basin (At Large Member)  
Tom Daugherty – Town of Silverthorne  
Cindi Gillespie (remotely) – Copper Mountain Ski Resort  
Bentley Henderson – Summit County (Alternate)  
Kyle Hendricks – Town of Dillon  
Matt Hulsey – Town of Breckenridge  
Susan Juergensmeier (remotely) – Snake River Basin (At Large)  
Tom Koehler (remotely) - Ten Mile Basin (At Large Member)  
Ted Pilling – Town of Blue River  
Steve Swanson- Lower Blue Basin (At Large Member)  
Scott Verlinde (remotely) – Keystone Ski Resort

Staff present were as follows: Chris Lubbers, Transit Director; Alex Soto, Operations Manager; Bruce Camping, Planner; Melissa Decker, Shift Supervisor; Donald Overbeek, Dispatcher; Cindy Lensmire and Peter Contos, Bus Operators and Vivian Pershing (remotely), Administrative Assistant.

Additional Attendees: Catherine Smith, After Prom Committee, Summit High School.

#### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA**

The minutes from the January 26, 2022 Summit County Transit Board Meeting and February 23, 2022 meeting agenda were reviewed. Steve Swanson moved to approve the minutes, second by Tom Daugherty who moved to approve the agenda as amended, second by Becky Bowers; motions carried.

#### **IV. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments were received by Catherine Smith on behalf of the After Prom Summit High School Parent Committee asking for transportation support on April 30, 2022 from 10:30pm-1:30am from the Silverthorne Pavilion to the Senior Center in Frisco. Melissa Decker, Stage shift supervisor, also commented regarding staffing concerns when there is lack of competitiveness in bus operator starting pay and encouraged the county and Board in their wage awareness and fluidity.

## **V. REGULAR MONTHLY UPDATE ITEMS**

### **A. Transit Director Report and Financials**

Chris Lubbers welcomed Chelsea Roth as a new member for Breckenridge Resort. He discussed the Transit Financial Summary, Sales Tax Data and Budget Report in detail, focusing on current revenue, labor, administration/office, capital and fleet replacement, operation and maintenance, safety and insurance, training and recognition along with beginning and ending fund balances. He recognized the Summit Stage Team for maintaining safe and dependable transit service during difficult and unprecedented times with a signed proclamation of appreciation from the Board along with a photo. He gave an update on Retention and Recruitment bonuses. Bentley Henderson noted wage increases are based on compounding pay. Mr. Willis noted pay was a multifaceted issue related to housing, drug testing, social distancing, recruitment, retention, financial, buses, safety etc. Kyle Hendricks mentioned that the recent reduction in service may have increased the burden. Steve Swanson encouraged the Board to have a voice in establishing salaries. Becky Bowers, Ted Pilling and Tom Daugherty requested wages be more fluid and with adjustments to the market for retention and cost of living. Cindi Gillespie encouraged retention bonuses as well as sign on bonuses. Matt Hulsey and Mr. Daugherty recommended a cooperative notice with resorts and towns in need of adjusting wages for other related drivers also. Ms. Bowers also requested a posted service announcement regarding the federal and state mask mandate updates. The Financial Report was approved unanimously by the board.

### **B. Operations and Maintenance Report**

Alex Soto reviewed the Transit Operations Summary in detail, focusing on current fixed-route passenger counts, current mass transit sales tax receipts and ridership changes by route with January 2019 pre-pandemic half-hour service vs January 2022 COVID hourly service with reduction in school bus routes. She discussed bus operator staffing, training, recruiting efforts, safety, employee recognition, and advertising. She mentioned summer schedule would remain on an hourly bus service. Ms. Soto reviewed maintenance technician staffing, work orders, bus and para transit availability, warranty issues, road calls, costs, preventative maintenance, electric bus performance and parts availability. Mr. Lubbers mentioned upcoming diesel bus orders will be interspersed with electric bus orders that would hopefully see better performance in the next grant cycle. The Operations and Maintenance Report was approved unanimously by the board present.

### **C. Agenda Items**

Bruce Camping reviewed the Summer 2022 Operating Plan to begin April 17 and 2021 Year in Review noting route time adjustments for the Keystone-Dillon-Silverthorne route. Mr. Daugherty, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hulsey and Mr. Hendricks mentioned planned construction areas and recommended traffic light updates. Breck Free Ride summer route changes to occur April 25. Ms. Bowers inquired on budget information. Mr. Lubbers gave grand opening targets for April at the Frisco Transit Center.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.