



Mountain Transit – 41939 Fox Farm Rd., Big Bear Lake, CA  
Mountain Transit – 621 Forest Shade Road - Crestline, CA

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## MINUTES of SPECIAL MEETING of the BOARD of DIRECTORS

Thursday, February 28, 2019

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In accordance with Government Code Section 54953(b)  
Meeting with General Manager regarding acquisition of property

### **Board Members Present:**

Bill Priest, Vice-Chairman, San Bernardino County,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisorial District  
Terisa Bonito, Member-at-Large  
Dave Caretto, City of Big Bear Lake  
Jim Miller, 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisorial District

### **Agency Personnel:**

Kathy Hawksford, General Manager/Chief Executive  
Officer  
Sandy Benson, Assistant General Manager  
BettyAnn Merrill, Administrative Assistant/Board Secretary

### **Members Excused:**

Randy Putz, Chairman, City of Big Bear Lake

### **Other:**

None

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## OPEN SESSION

### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Benson informed the group that Vice-Chairman Priest was experiencing some vision issues; he elected to have Member Bonito conduct the meeting. Member Bonito called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

#### 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-Chairman Priest led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 1.2 Roll Call

Roll call was taken noting Member Putz was excused.

### 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

### 3.0 NEW BUSINESS

#### 3.1 Pioneer Camp Property

Ms. Hawksford said that at the close of escrow on the property in Crestline she was informed that the Board, by resolution, was to appoint the General Manager to sign legal documents for the purchase. Due to two of the members of the Board being new to the Board, she provided a brief synopsis of what had transpired to date in the effort to locate and obtain property in the Crestline area suitable for Mountain Transit's use. Member Bonito called for discussion. Member Caretto inquired about the clearing of the property to which Ms. Hawksford stated that a house still remains on the property and depending on condition and cost, it may be renovated for use as offices. Ms. Hawksford gave kudos to Ms. Benson for handling the majority of work in acquiring the property. Discussion of possible configuration and use of property followed. Discussion also followed regarding the reconfiguration and use of existing property. Member Caretto inquired about any existing hazmat issues; Member Miller suggested working closely with the County Planning in this regard. Ms. Benson reviewed what the county had already suggested in regards to improvements and Member Miller touched on a few other

issues related to drainage and driveways. Member Caretto inquired about the funding source to which Ms. Hawksford responded that funding was coming from Local Transportation Funds (LTF) allocated by San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA). Motion to approve Resolution 2019-001 authorizing the General Manager to sign and file necessary documents was made by Member Bonito with a second by Member Caretto. A roll call vote was taken with motion passing unanimously.

#### **4.0 GENERAL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **4.1 Administration**

Ms. Hawksford reviewed the property of interest in the Big Bear area and stated that property of interest seems to be most suitable available. MT is taking all issues into consideration in order to comply with Federal Transportation Administration regulations. Ms. Benson inquired about property available on North Shore. Member Miller provided some background information. Discussion of the possible sale of MT's current facility followed and whether there were any environmental issues with the property being considered.

Ms. Hawksford informed the Board that MT employees would be participating in the upcoming Polar Plunge in support of the Special Olympics. The plunging team was named 'Mountain Transit Mermaids'.

Ms. Hawksford informed the Board that at a previous meeting she was given authorization to negotiate the purchasing price for the Big Bear property. When the dollar amount is agreed upon between the seller and MT, she will present it to the Board at a regularly scheduled board meeting along with a Resolution to appoint a signature.

##### **4.2 Board Members**

Member Caretto inquired about the location of the next Board Meeting which is pending dependent upon the reopening of Highway 18. Ms. Hawksford said that if Highway 18 is not reopened by the time of the next scheduled Board meeting the meeting will be held via teleconference.

#### **5.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Member Bonito adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2019, 10:30 a.m. at Sky Park at Santa's Village, 28950 California 18, Skyforest, CA.