



MUTD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 29, 2010 / 12:00PM – 1:30PM
MUTD CONFERENCE ROOM, 1221 SHAKESPEARE STREET

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Present: Jon Binney, Jim Gibson, Dick King, Don MacArthur, Greg Phillips, Mike O'Herron, Steve Earle, Laurie Belcher, Stephanie Millar.

Guests: Nancy Wilson, ASUM

Absent: Andy Sponseller

Meeting called to order at 12:02 PM

Changes or Additions to Agenda

Steve Earle requested a 15 minute executive session following the regular agenda. Jon Binney moved and Don MacArthur seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting March 25, 2010 meeting:

Don MacArthur moved and Mike O'Herron seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2010 Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda:

Nancy Wilson said Bike Walk Bus week is going well and thanked Mountain Line for their support.

Action Item

Approve March 2010 Financial Statements

The finance committee recommended approval of the March financial statements. Mike O'Herron moved to approve the financial statements and Jon Binney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Update to MUTD Operators Handbook

Steve Earle gave an overview of the proposed changes to the Operators Handbook. Staff has updated the handbook to add the information on Yield to Bus, the Senior Van, and other issues that have changed since the last update.

Mike O'Herron moved for approval of the proposed changes to the Operators Handbook and Dick King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Discussion:

The University of Montana Pass Program Contract

Steve Earle met with Jim Lemcke on the University of Montana Pass Program. Greg Phillips and Mike O'Herron volunteered to participate in the negotiation meetings with the University.

Planning Committee Meeting Report / Regional Transportation Discussion

Mike O'Herron, Andy Sponseller and Greg Phillips met with Missoula County Commissioner Michelle Landquist, Ravalli County Commissioner Kathleen Driscoll and Transportation Planner Ann Cundy from the Office of Planning and Grants on April 2, 2010. Mountain Line introduced the idea of a regional conversation about transportation issues. Don MacArthur said he had the sense that Ravalli County is not ready to engage in a transportation conversation at this time unless there is no cost to them. Mountain Line board members do not feel it is appropriate for Mountain Line to take the lead role, but there is an absence of anyone stepping forward to take a lead on this issue. Ann Cundy will follow up with the TPCC chair to discuss this further in the fall.

Report on Lolo Community Council Meeting

Steve Earle and Stephanie Lawson Millar met with the Lolo Community Council on April 13, 2010 to discuss the survey and the decision of the Mountain Line Board regarding commuter bus service to Lolo. Steve Earle explained the MUTD Board's decision not to pursue service at this time lacking greater community buy-in and financial support. Lyn Hellegaard also attended to answer questions about the possibility of a van service.

Update to MUTD TDP / Narrative

Board members are asked to finalize their comments on the Transit Development Plan (TDP) narrative that was handed out at the last meeting. Comments are due by May 6, 2010. Staff is interested in moving the Comprehensive Service Analysis to FY2012 and beginning to work with the Planning Committee on a scope of work and a Request for Proposals.

TTAC / TPCC Meeting Report

Both TTAC and TPCC met in April. TTAC focused on the changes to the Public Participation Plan which TPCC adopted at their meeting on April 20th. The hot topic at TPCC was MDT's presentation on Exxon hi-wide load transportation which may lead to a policy statement being passed by TPCC.

Additional Discussion Items / Reports / Comments:

General Managers Report

Steve Earle asked Mike O'Herron to report on the Department of Natural Resources Bike Walk Bus Week event when Mountain Line brought a bus on Wednesday, April 28. Mike O'Herron said that the event went very well and that Laura Lee Hall, who brought the bus, is a great ambassador for Mountain Line.

Steve Earle reported on the local Bus Roadeo, the Awards Banquet, and the Bus and Facility Dedication event.

Additional Board Reports / Discussion:

Don MacArthur introduced the TIGER II grants to the Board and suggested that the mid town corridor conversation would be appropriate to follow up with. Don MacArthur asked the board to authorize him and the Planning Committee to make some calls to see if other partners might be interested in applying together. The Board authorized Don MacArthur and the rest of the Planning Committee to do so.

Set May Board Meeting:

Next Board meeting – May 27, 2010 @ 12:00 pm @ MUTD Conference Room

Next Finance Committee meeting – May 27, 2010 @ 11:00 am @ MUTD Conference Room

Planning Committee - TBA

Executive Session

At 1:11 PM the Board went into executive session.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:31 pm.

Submitted by Stephanie Lawson Millar