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MINUTES
Regular Meeting
April 2, 2024

Board Members Present

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| John Dederick, Chair | Representative, City of Alturas |
| Kathie Rhoads, Vice Chair | Board of Supervisors, District III, Modoc County |
| Mark Moriarity | County At-Large Member |
| Elizabeth Cavasso | Board of Supervisors, District IV, Modoc County |
| Paul Minchella | Councilmember, City of Alturas |
| Cheryl Nelson | Councilmember, City of Alturas |

Board Members Absent

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| Ned Coe (Alternate) | Board of Supervisors, District I, Modoc County |
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Staff Present

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| Debbie Pedersen | Executive Director |
| Michelle Cox | Accountant 1 |
| Tristan Holt | Assistant Secretary 1 |

Public Present

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| Kathy Grah | Caltrans District 2, Community & Regional Planning Chief |
| Javed Iqbal | Caltrans District 2, Modoc Project Manager |
| Azeddine Bahloul | Caltrans District 2, Modoc Project Manager |

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Dederick called the meeting to order at 2:23 p.m. in the Sage Stage Conference Room, 108 S. Main Street, Alturas, CA.
2. **Public Forum** –There were no public comments.
3. **Confirm Agenda** – Motion by Board Member Minchella to Confirm Agenda, seconded by Board Member Moriarity. All Ayes; motion carried.
4. **Consent Agenda-**
 - a. Approve minutes from the February 6, 2024, MTA Regular Meeting.
 - b. Approve the financial transactions from January 1, 2024, through February 29, 2024.
 - c. Approve Year to Date Expenditures.
 - d. Sage Stage Operation Statistics.

Motion by Board Member Cavasso to approve Consent Agenda, seconded by Board Member Minchella. All Ayes; motion carried.

5. Regular Business

- a. Consider awarding the Sage Stage Transit Operations and Management contract for July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2031.

Modoc Transportation Agency / Sage Stage received one proposal for the Transit Operations and Management. The proposal was received from Transdev and then reviewed by Caltrans Headquarters, MCTC Office Staff, and Board Member Minchella.

Motion by Board Member Cavasso to award the Sage Stage Transit Operations and Management contract for July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2031, seconded by Board Member Minchella. All Ayes; motion carried.

b. Consider adopting Resolution 24-01 Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget.

Major changes for FY 2024-25 budget include the purchase of a new bus, and a decrease in Local Transportation Funds (LTF) due to the utilization of CARES RND 2 and ARPA funding.

Motion by Board Member Moriarity to adopt Resolution 24-01 fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget, seconded by Board Member Cavasso. All Ayes; motion carried.

c. MTA Local Transportation Fund and State Transit Assistance Claim.

Pedersen provided a corrected LTF Claim Form in the amount of \$40,600.

Motion by Board Member Cavasso to approve the MTA Local Transportation Fund and State Transit Assistance Claim with the corrected dollar amount, seconded by Board Member Nelson. All Ayes; motion carried.

d. Cost estimates/options for employing an onsite mechanic.

Pedersen reported a classified ad was published in the Modoc County Record March 11 and 18, 2024 for an on-call mechanic for the Sage Stage bus fleet. No one has called to inquire about providing the service. Highway Garage in McArthur was contacted to see if they were interested in servicing the bus fleet and unfortunately, they are shorthanded, and their shop is not set up to service buses. Hall Motors in Lakeview was contacted, and they did not reply. Mark Ellias, Transdev provided some costs for mechanic- annual salary would be \$65-85k per year, prior to benefits. Due to the age each bus averages \$26,500 per year for parts only, and to set up and establish a shop would be approximately \$30k.

6. System Update, Communications, and Calendar

a. Staff Update

A new part time Sage Stage driver is scheduled to start training on April 7, 2024.

b. Calendar – consider future dates and events of interest:

05/27/24 Memorial Day Holiday; Office Closed- No Bus Service

06/04/24 MTA Meeting following the MCTC Meeting

07/04/24 Independence Day Holiday; Office Closed- No Bus Service

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Board Member Cavasso at 2:36 p.m. seconded by Board Member Rhoads. All Ayes, motion carried. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, June 4, 2024, in the Sage Stage Conference Room, 108 S. Main Street, Alturas at 1:50 p.m. or soon thereafter.

Submitted by,



Michelle Cox
Accountant 1