

**MINUTES OF THE
EAGLE VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2023**

A meeting of the Eagle Valley Transportation Authority (“Authority”) Board of Directors (“Board”) was held on January 11, 2023, at 12:30 p.m. The meeting was held in person at the Avon Council Chambers located at 100 Mikaela Way, Town of Avon, Colorado, 81620, and on zoom. Notice of the meeting was posted on January 7, 2023, and included agenda items, location and time, as well as the teleconference information, needed to participate in the public portion of the meeting. The Notice of Board of Directors Meeting dated January 7, 2023, and the certification of posting are attached hereto.

ATTENDANCE

Directors in Attendance:

Director Amy Phillips, Mayor and Councilor, Town of Avon

Director Dave Eickholt, Beaver Creek Metro District

Director Jeanne McQueeney, Commissioner, Eagle County

Alternate Director Nick Sunday, Councilor, Town of Eagle

Alternate Director George Brodin, Town of Minturn

Director Robert “Bob” Hill, Member of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Red Cliff

Director Barry Davis, Councilor, Town of Vail

Directors Absent:

Director Earle Bidez, Mayor, Town of Minturn

Director Janet Bartnik, Councilor, Town of Eagle.

Also in Attendance:

Polly B. Jessen, Kaplan, Kirsch & Rockwell

Ray Shei, Beaver Creek Metro District

Eric Heil, Town Manager, Town of Avon

Ineke De Jong, Administration Manager, Town of Avon

Miguel Jauregui, Town Clerk, Town of Avon

Tanya Allen, Regional Transportation Director, Eagle County

Larry Pardee, Town Manager, Town of Eagle

Michelle Metteer, Town Manager, Town of Minturn

Melissa Matthews, Clerk, Town of Red Cliff

Russell Forrest, Town Manager, Town of Vail

Greg Hall, Public Works Director, Town of Vail

Jordan Winters, Transit Operations Manager, Town of Vail

Chris Romer, President and CEO, Vail Valley Partnership

**APPROVAL OF THE
AGENDA**

Director Phillips presented the approval of the Meeting's Agenda to the Board. On behalf of Director Janet Bartnik, Director Sunday requested that further discussion be had in the approval to release Accounting and Banking Requests for Proposals (RFPs) under the Consent Agenda. Director Phillips noted the request and restated that the Agenda would include such discussion. With no further changes requested by other Directors, Director Brodin orally motioned to approve the Agenda. Director Eickholt seconded this oral motion, which passed with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Director Phillips presented the Minutes dated December 16, 2022 for approval, and asked if there were any requests for corrections from other Directors. Hearing none, Director Brodin orally motioned to approve the Agenda, as amended. Director Davis seconded this oral motion, which passed with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

AGENDA ITEMS

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Authorization to Sign Statewide Internet Portal Association (SIPA) Eligible Government Entity Agreement

In his discussion, Director Eickholt asked who on the transportation side would do the work, and what the budgetary impact for that would be. Ms. Tanya Allen responded that she would do the work, and should the Board sign the Agreement, she would obtain an estimate of fees for budgetary

considerations. He further disclosed that the Alternate Director Ray Shei with the Beaver Creek Metro District had been the Chief Information Officer of Kellogg and could be a resource for this topic.

Director Davis moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-01 and the SIPA agreement included as part of Exhibit A to Resolution No. 2023-01. Director Brodin seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

4.2 Approval to release the Accounting, Banking, and Legal RFPs

Upon entering the RFP discussion, Director Sunday read Director Janet Bartnik's notes which stated that with the Banking RFP, it would be good to have a banking strategy devised that puts parameters on what vehicles the funds can be invested in, especially when funds exceed FDIC protections, as well as develop an investment policy. Director Phillips agreed and asked Ms. Allen if these funds would be protected accordingly. Ms. Allen responded that she would have to review the RFPs to provide an answer to the Board. She added that due to the urgency for the EVTA to open bank accounts, the Board may consider separating the discussion on long-term banking strategies from that of giving the EVTA the ability to open its bank account.

Ms. Jessen added that the EVTA will have to comply with the Public Deposit Protection Act in developing its banking and investment strategies.

Director Eickholt added that Beaver Creek Metro has an investment strategy of a CD ladder that produces valuable yields, as managed by their accounting firm and not a banking entity.

Director McQueeney reminded her fellow Directors that the motion is simply to allow the EVTA to send out RFPs. She then made a motion to release the Accounting, Banking, and Legal RFPs. Director Davis seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

5. Public Comment

No public comment was made in person nor on Zoom.

6. Review of Draft Budget and Approval of Budget Resolution

Ms. Tanya Allen presented the EVTA Draft Budget and thanked those involved in its preparation and review. She added she expects that it will be revised within 6 months. She then reviewed it line by line with the Directors, and explained the placeholders that will need to be updated. Director Phillips asked if the EVTA will be eligible for grants, which Ms. Allen stated she is optimistic that it will.

Mr. Chris Romer, President of Vail Valley Partnership, representing the Eagle Airport Committee was invited to answer questions related to the Budget, after which no further discussion was had.

Director McQueeney asked that the public note that with its share of the half-cent sales tax increase that raises approximately 12 million dollars, it not only supports the EVTA but also ECO, RFTA, and Eagle Valley Trail, for their transit and trails programs.

Director Davis made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-02 and the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget included as part of Exhibit A to Resolution No. 2023-01. Director Eickholt seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

7. Familiarization with other RTA Administrative Structures (*Discussion*)

Ms. Allen presented information related to other regional transportation authorities in the State. She advised the information was relevant and helpful for the Board to keep in mind in structuring the EVTA. She also presented a chart that highlights key functions of RTAs, adding that RFTA is the gold standard. She clarified that under RFTA and other RTAs, some local services can remain independent.

8. Committees Presentation (*Discussion*)

8.1 Airport Committee (Chris Romer)

Mr. Chris Romer, on behalf of the Eagle Airport Committee stated that it is a well-functioning group that has valuable experience and public and private partnerships. He suggested ample collaboration between the EVTA and the Air Alliance to find synergy and attract travel. Director Davis inquired on

low-cost carriers' presence in Eagle Airport. Mr. Romer disclosed there are conversations being had to attract Southwest, JetBlue, and Alaska Air. He added he is optimistic on the momentum of those conversations. When asked, he explained the composition of the Committee's 10-person Board that is composed 50% by public and 50% by private sector representatives. Ms. Tanya Allen recommended that the Board moved forward with the Airport Committee and added she would bring a resolution to that effect in the next board meeting.

8.2 Stakeholder Committee

Ms. Tanya Allen stated that ideas for a Stakeholder Committee were included in the Meeting's packet. She then added that she welcomed feedback and thoughts on creating a Stakeholder Committee so that she could prepare a resolution for the next board meeting.

Councilor Davis stated he would like such a committee to have participation from representatives of the hospitality industry, Vail Health, and Vail Resorts. Director Eickholt stated his vision would be for a Committee smaller than 40 people. Director McQueeney added the reasoning behind 40 people and expressed concern of staff having bandwidth to create this Committee. She added thoughts on surveying ridership, including students and the elderly. Director Brodin supported surveying ridership. Director Phillips ended discussion by saying that it will take time to create this Committee and more discussion will be had.

8.3 Other

No other committee was suggested nor discussed.

9. Retreat Planning (*Discussion*)

Ms. Tanya Allen suggested that the Board of Directors continue its strategic conversations in a retreat. She added that it would be an ideal setting to discuss the role and responsibilities of the Board, investment strategies, funding strategies, processes around the Board's enlargement with communities not yet part of the EVTA. She asked for volunteers to help plan the retreat and Director Brodin stated Director Bidez had expressed his desire to help plan the Retreat. Director McQueeney volunteered as well. Director Phillips asked if the Technical

Committee members would be included, which Ms. Allen said answered in the affirmative, depending on agenda items.

10. Recommendations for Future Topics (*Discussion*)

Directors expressed no concern on the recommendations for future topics which included: (i) ED and Senior Staff Recruitment – Job Descriptions and Timelines, (ii) Open Records Policy Adoption, (iii) Updated Treasurer Designation, and (iv) Marketing and Branding RFP. They also did not have additional future topics to add.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Not Applicable.

NEXT MEETING February 8, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT At 1:45 p.m., Barry Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Eickholt seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous 7-0 vote.
