

**MINUTES OF THE
EAGLE VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 22, 2024**

A meeting of the Eagle Valley Transportation Authority (“Authority”) Board of Directors (“Board”) was held on May 22, 2024, at 1:08 p.m. The meeting was held virtually. Notice of the meeting was posted on May 17, 2024, and included agenda items, location and time, as well as the teleconference information needed to participate in the public portion of the meeting.

ATTENDANCE

Directors in Attendance on Zoom:

Director Amy Phillips, Mayor and Councilor, Town of Avon

Director Dave Eickholt, Beaver Creek Metro District

Director Jeanne McQueeney, Commissioner, Eagle County

Director Earle Bidez, Mayor, Town of Minturn

Director Nick Sunday, Councilor, Town of Eagle

Director Garrett Alexander, Member of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Red Cliff

Director Barry Davis, Councilor, Town of Vail

Attendance on Zoom:

Aryn Schlichting, Director of People & Culture, EVTA

Tanya Allen, Executive Director, EVTA

Scott Robinson, Deputy Director, EVTA

Ursula Hayden, Finance Director, EVTA

Dayana Herr, Marketing, Communications & Customer Relations Manager, EVTA

Lance Trujillo, Director of Innovation and Technology, EVTA

Selene Suarez, HR Generalist, EVTA

Alison Ulmer, EVTA Legal Counsel, Collins Cole Flynn Winn & Ulmer, PLLC

Larry Tenenholz, Acting Director, ECO Transit

Jessie Cooper, Fleet Asset Supervisor, ECO Transit

Bryan Woods, Alternate Director, Town of Eagle

Ray Shei, Alternate Director, Beaver Creek Metro District

Terry Rook, Associate Director, CEBT

Emma Dahlin, Staff, CEBT

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Director Phillips presented the agenda for the meeting and inquired if there were any proposed changes. Executive Director Tanya Allen noted that the SP+ contract amendment item was removed from the agenda. Director Davis motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Director Eickholt seconded the motion, which passed with a 7-0 unanimous vote.

BOARD COMMENT

Director Phillips inquired about board comments. There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Phillips inquired about public comments. There were none.

AGENDA ITEMS

5. Business

5.1 CEBT Health Insurance

Director of People & Culture Aryn Schlichting announced and welcomed the new HR Generalist, Selene Suarez. She expressed that establishing a health insurance provider has been a crucial priority in planning for the transition of ECO Transit employees. She explained that EVTA's strategy of prioritizing people involves viewing their compensation and benefits holistically as a package. She reviewed the three health insurance provider quotes that were considered and recommended partnering with Colorado Employer Benefit Trust (CEBT). She listed several advantages to CEBT including a free and accessible clinic in Gypsum, a robust plan design, and positive references. She presented the recommended PPO plan options and detailed their budget alignment.

Director Eickholt inquired about potential gaps in coverage when employees transition from ECO Transit to EVTA. Director of People & Culture Schlichting acknowledged the copay increase that will occur with the EVTA transition but noted that the CEBT plan provides access to a free clinic in Gypsum and EVTA will offer lower employee premium costs to offset the change. Director McQueeney asked if CEBT provided stop-loss insurance. Mr. Rook explained that CEBT is a benefit trust for several public institutions and EVTA will not be self-insured. He noted that the trust is large enough to provide adequate coverage for larger claims and stop-loss coverage is not needed.

Director Alexander exited the meeting.

Director Davis motioned to approve CEBT as the Authority's health insurance provider and subsequent plan options as presented and authorize the Executive Director to sign CEBT plan documents. Director Eickholt seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous 6-0 vote.

6. Request for Direction Regarding Zero-Fare Transit Grant Funding

Executive Director Allen explained the opportunity to apply for a grant, offering two options: Ozone Season Transit Grant or Youth Ride Free. She noted that agencies can only choose one of the grant options. She emphasized the need to express interest quickly and recommended the Youth Ride Free program.

Director Sunday and Director Eickholt voiced their support for the Youth Ride Free program. Director McQueeney and Director Davis inquired about the potential for more funding through the Ozone Season Transit Grant. Executive Director Allen clarified that the grant award fund numbers are still unclear, and she plans to use the Board's feedback to gather more details on the application process. The Board directed to table the item until the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 PM.
