

MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting of the Gunnison Valley Rural Transportation Authority will be:

April 11, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.
in the Council Room
in the Crested Butte Town Hall
508 Maroon Ave, Crested Butte, CO.

For copies of the agenda and minutes of previous meetings, please call Scott Truex at 970-275-0111.

Two or more County Commissioners may be in attendance at this meeting.

AGENDA
GUNNISON VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
April 11, 2008
8:00AM – CRESTED BUTTE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- 8:00 A. INTRODUCTION
- 8:01 B. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH, 2008 MINUTES
- 8:03 C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT
- 8:15 D. CORRESPONDENCE

GENERAL RTA ISSUES

- 8:16 E-1. OLD BUSINESS
 - 1) Survey results discussion
 - 2) Election discussion

- 8:40 F-1. NEW BUSINESS
 - 1) Appoint new officers – Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer
 - 2) Report from Chris Morgan – Citizens' Committee
 - 3) Report from Tourism Association
 - 4) Comments from Citizen Advisory Committee

AIR SERVICE ISSUES

- 8:55 E-2. OLD BUSINESS
 - 1) 2007-2008 air service update
 - 2) 2008-2009 air service discussion
 - 3) Contracts with individual airlines – possible executive session
 - 4) Contract with CBMR – payment for 2009 MRG contracts

- F-2. NEW BUSINESS
 - 1) United Fall Invoice - discussion

GROUND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

- 9:20 E-3. OLD BUSINESS
 - 1) Gunnison – CB service update
 - 2) Bus Stops at Cement Creek and Brush Creek discussion
 - 3) Transportation Plan update

- 9:40 F-3. NEW BUSINESS
 - 1) Bike Racks in Gunnison
 - 2) Gunnison River Festival request

- 9:45 G. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS
- 9:50 H. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
- I. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting – May 9th, 8:00 a.m. in Gunnison

All times are approximate – the meeting may move more quickly or more slowly than indicated.

Gunnison Valley Rural Transportation Authority
Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2008

Members Present:

Scott Truex, Executive Director
Kent Myers, Airplanners LLC
Jonathan Houck, City of Gunnison
Skip Berkshire, Town of Crested Butte
Kimberly Metsch, Town of Crested Butte
Chris Morgan, Town of Mt. Crested Butte
Bill Babbitt, Town of Mt. Crested Butte

Several other community members were present in the audience including representatives from Crested Butte Mountain Resort, the Town of Mt. Crested Butte, the RTA Citizens Advisory Committee, Alpine Express, and the Crested Butte News.

A. INTRODUCTION: The meeting was called to order by Chris Morgan.

B. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY, 2008 MINUTES: Jonathan Houck moved to approve the minutes of the February RTA meeting. Kimberly Metsch seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Bill Babbitt abstaining.

C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT: Scott Truex briefly summarized the financial report to the board. The 2007 year end fund balance will be ~\$950K after adjustments are made for Denver Bus service and D&O insurance, both of which did not happen in 2007.

D. CORRESPONDENCE: Scott noted that a letter had been received complaining about United Airlines. Additionally, an e-mail was received from a Riverbend resident about the CB South Shuttle.

GENERAL RTA ISSUES

E-1. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Tax reauthorization election schedule and survey discussion: Scott summarized key dates for the RTA tax reauthorization deadline. He also highlighted the preliminary reauthorization survey results. Chris Morgan (who is leaving the RTA Board) will lead the reauthorization promotion efforts—he will give us an outline next month. Scott will determine limits, if any, on his role in the reauthorization effort.

2. D&O Insurance Update: We now have D&O insurance without the anti-discrimination clause

F-1. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Health Care Center Evacuation Plan: Scott summarized a request from the Health Care Center to use RTA busses to help evacuate disabled patients in the event of an emergency. The Board approved of this use, as needed.

2. Report from the Tourism Association: Jane Chaney provided the Board with an e-mail update of TA efforts.

3. Comments from the Citizen Advisory Committee: None

AIR SERVICE ISSUES

E-2. OLD BUSINESS

1. 2007-2008 Air service update: Kent presented an estimate of likely guarantee payments by the RTA. AA lost \$24K in February (without a fuel adjustment) bringing the AA total loss to \$473K. The RTA will likely meet the cap once fuel adjustments are factored in. UA season losses are \$650K to date.

F-2. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2008-2009 air service discussion: Kent summarized the seat count and flight plan options for 08/09. The Board discussed pros and cons of a 737 or 757 from DFW on AA. Maybe a 757 on weekends. Ken Stone recommended a 737 from DFW—more important to tap new markets than expand plane size. A preliminary plan would include:

AA-737 from DFW 7 days a week; 757 from Chicago on Saturday

UA-Two daily flights from Denver

DL-Daily service from Salt Lake City; Saturday direct service from Atlanta

CO-Daily direct service from Houston; two RJs or 737 on Saturday

2. Possible executive session to discuss negotiations with airlines: None

3. Contracts with individual airlines-possible authorization of contracts: After some discussion, Bill Babbitt moved to authorize the RTA Chairman, Scott and Kent to execute contracts with the airlines (per paragraph F-2.1, above) subject to review by the RTA attorney. Jonathan Houck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Contract with CBMR – payment for 2009 MRG contracts – possible

authorization of contract: After some discussion, CBMR and the RTA agreed to the following schedule for sharing 2008/2009 airline guarantee costs: equally split the first \$800K, RTA pay next \$400K, CBMR pay beyond \$1.2M. Bill Babbitt moved to authorize the RTA Chairman to sign the agreement once the contracts with the airlines are accomplished. Kimberly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

E-3. OLD BUSINESS

1. Gunnison-CB update (and mechanical update on busses): All busses have been delivered, paid for, and are operating. A software fix for the ‘regenerator’ filter issue has been implemented. The busses have carried an average 409 passenger per day (cost per passenger--\$3.81).

2. New Bus Purchase Update: See E-3.1, above.

3. Bus Stops at Cement Creek and Brush Creek discussion: Scott reported that it is unlikely that CDOT will be able to incorporate bus pull-outs at Cement Creek and Brush Creek. He will try to meet with CDOT before the scheduled April 13th CDOT meeting.

4. Transportation Plan Update: Scott reported that the scope of work with Charlier has been reduced to meet the budget—mostly streamlined public meeting schedule. After discussing the funding commitments by RTA government entities Bill Babbitt moved to authorize the RTA Chair to enter into a contract with Charlier subject to all four RTA entities contributing \$20K to the Transportation Plan update. Kimberly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F-3. NEW BUSINESS

1. Summer bus schedule: Scott presented a recommendation and rationale to increase the summer bus service from the currently planned 3 per day to 9 per day. Jonathan moved to authorize the increase in summer bus service to 9 trips per day from 6/2 to 9/8 and to commit \$90K to fund this service. Kimberly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Note: from 4/15 to 6/2 there will be only 3 trips per day.

G. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS: Kimberly asked about Bio-Diesel use. Scott explained the problems with its use. Jonathan requested that the RTA consider helping to purchase a few bike racks for use at heavy bike use bus stops. The Board was receptive to this request. Scott will get an estimate. Chris Morgan expressed his pleasure in working on the RTA Board.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: John Norton asked that the RTA publish times for intermediate bus stops on the RTA website. Scott expressed the desire to get some better data. He also expressed concern regarding state legal requirements. Woody Sherwood thanked the RTA and CBMR for the planned 2008/2009 air service.

I. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 11th, 8:00 am in Crested Butte.

**Gunnison Valley Transportation Authority
Financial Report - February, 2008**

	2008 Actual	2008 Budget	% of Budget	3/11/2008 Board Revised Budget	% of Budget
Revenues					
Starting Fund Balance 1/1	\$ 955,732.06				
Jan	\$ 102,280.35	\$ 107,000	95.6%	\$ 107,000	95.6%
Feb		\$ 109,000	0.0%	\$ 109,000	0.0%
Mar		\$ 121,000	0.0%	\$ 121,000	0.0%
April		\$ 72,000	0.0%	\$ 72,000	0.0%
May		\$ 85,000	0.0%	\$ 85,000	0.0%
June		\$ 123,000	0.0%	\$ 123,000	0.0%
July		\$ 140,000	0.0%	\$ 140,000	0.0%
Aug		\$ 137,000	0.0%	\$ 137,000	0.0%
Sept		\$ 115,000	0.0%	\$ 115,000	0.0%
Oct		\$ 81,000	0.0%	\$ 81,000	0.0%
Nov		\$ 79,000	0.0%	\$ 79,000	0.0%
Dec		\$ 127,000	0.0%	\$ 127,000	0.0%
Year to Date Tax Revenues	<u>\$ 102,280.35</u>	<u>\$ 107,000.00</u>	<u>95.6%</u>	<u>\$ 107,000.00</u>	<u>95.6%</u>
Full Year - Tax Revenues	<u>\$ 102,280.35</u>	<u>\$ 1,296,000</u>	<u>7.9%</u>	<u>\$ 1,296,000</u>	<u>7.9%</u>
RTA Tax - Clerk	\$ 779.00	\$ 9,000	8.7%	\$ 9,000	8.7%
Denver Bus Partners	\$ -	\$ 29,500	0.0%	\$ -	
Grant Revenues	\$ -	\$ 530,558	0.0%	\$ 772,824	0.0%
Interest Revenue	<u>\$ 3,988.60</u>	<u>\$ 25,733</u>	<u>15.5%</u>	<u>\$ 25,733</u>	<u>15.5%</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 107,047.95</u>	<u>\$ 1,890,791</u>	<u>5.7%</u>	<u>\$ 2,103,557</u>	<u>5.1%</u>
Expenses					
Postage	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Photocopy	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Professional Services	\$ 21,904.64	\$ 142,000	15.4%	\$ 142,000	15.4%
Audit Cost	\$ -	\$ 2,155	0.0%	\$ 2,155	0.0%
Revenue Collection Fee	\$ -	\$ 17,590	0.0%	\$ 17,590	0.0%
Airline Guarantees	\$ -	\$ 781,500	0.0%	\$ 600,000	0.0%
Airline Startup Costs	\$ -	\$ 50,000	0.0%	\$ 50,000	0.0%
Ground Transportation	\$ 55,477.69	\$ 350,000	15.9%	\$ 440,000	12.6%
Fees	\$ 4.36	\$ -		\$ -	
Denver Bus Service	\$ -	\$ 230,000	0.0%	\$ -	
Advertising	\$ 36.00	\$ 5,000	0.7%	\$ 5,000	0.7%
Travel & Transportation	\$ -	\$ 1,200	0.0%	\$ 1,200	0.0%
D&O Insurance	\$ 3,238.00	\$ -		\$ 3,238	100.0%
Meals & Lodging	\$ 217.03	\$ 3,500	6.2%	\$ 3,500	6.2%
Dues & Meetings	\$ 2,964.00	\$ 4,500	65.9%	\$ 4,500	65.9%
Repair & Maintenance - Vehicles	\$ 1,734.43	\$ 10,000	17.3%	\$ 10,000	17.3%
Vehicles	\$ 536,030.00	\$ -		\$ 536,030	100.0%
Construction Costs	\$ -	\$ 300,000	0.0%	\$ 300,000	0.0%
Interest	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Treasurer's Fees	\$ 2,015.13	\$ 12,500	16.1%	\$ 12,500	16.1%
Transfer to General Fund	<u>\$ 2,051.66</u>	<u>\$ 12,310</u>	<u>16.7%</u>	<u>\$ 12,310</u>	<u>16.7%</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 625,672.94</u>	<u>\$ 1,922,255</u>	<u>32.5%</u>	<u>\$ 2,140,023</u>	<u>29.2%</u>
Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	\$ (518,624.99)	\$ (31,464)		\$ (36,466)	
Balance Remaining	\$ 437,107.07				

Report shows posted revenues through January and expenditures through February.

Preliminary Survey Results:

Overall, there were seven thousand eight hundred eighty-four (7884) registered voters in the County in which we needed one hundred (100) people to answer the survey based on a power analysis to have a valid sample allowing for generalizability to the population. We called approximately nine hundred ninety-five (995) voters. Of the nine hundred ninety-five (995) voters we contacted we had 256 respondents (n=256) or twenty-six percent (26%) of those called. Therefore, the results of the survey are generalizable to the voting population of Gunnison County.

In general, while more than half of the respondents were not familiar with how the RTA is funded, once explained there appears to be overwhelming support for a continuation of the current funding scenario (80%+) and that respondents would vote for continued funding. There appears to be less support for an increase in the tax among Gunnison City residents (38%) and fewer City residents that would vote for an increase in the tax (32%).

Of the respondents to the survey (n=256), the following is representative of the demographic information provided:

Gender

Male 50%

Female 50%

Household Income

Less than 50,000 28%

50,000-100,000 49%

More than 100,000 23%

Age

18-24 <1%

25-29 5%

30-39 24%

40-49 21%

50-59 30%

60-69 14%

70+ 6%

*It should be noted that less than 1% of respondents were 18-24 years old. This would be the college population in the County. Most that were contacted no longer were at the number provided and/or use a cell phone as their main phone which we did not have access to those numbers.

Additionally, respondents were asked if they intended to vote in this years November election. Ninety-eight percent (98%) of respondents indicated that they did intend to vote in the upcoming election.

Below are percentages for each question based on respondents' answers.

RTA Initials

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid no	45	27.1
yes	121	72.9
Total	166	100.0

RTA Responsibility

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid no	31	22.0
bus	49	34.8
air transport	1	.7
both	23	16.3
Yes	37	26.2
Total	141	100.0

Familiar with Services

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid first time heard of services	32	12.5
somewhat familiar	176	68.8
very familiar	48	18.8
Total	256	100.0

Used transportation

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid no	175	68.6
yes - bus	32	12.5
yes-plane	32	12.5
both	14	5.5
Total	255	100.0

Performance ground trans

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	.00	1	.6
	1.00	1	.6
	2.00	3	1.8
	3.00	1	.6
	4.00	4	2.4
	5.00	36	21.4
	6.00	10	6.0
	6.50	1	.6
	7.00	31	18.5
	8.00	37	22.0
	8.50	2	1.2
	9.00	18	10.7
	10.00	23	13.7
	Total	168	100.0

****Mean Ground transportation = 7.11

Performance air trans

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	.00	1	.6
	1.00	6	3.5
	2.00	4	2.3
	3.00	11	6.4
	4.00	8	4.7
	5.00	43	25.1
	5.50	1	.6
	6.00	19	11.1
	7.00	23	13.5
	8.00	34	19.9
	9.00	10	5.8
	10.00	11	6.4
	Total	171	100.0

****Mean air transportation = 6.11

Familiar with funding

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	do not know	135	53.8
	somewhat familiar	98	39.0
	very familiar	18	7.2
	Total	251	100.0

Support Continued Funding

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	opposed	25	9.9
	support	222	88.1
	possibly	5	2.0
	Total	252	100.0

Registered Voter City

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	no	108	47.6
	yes	119	52.4
	Total	227	100.0

City of Gunn Support Increase tax

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	opposed	68	59.1
	support	44	38.3
	Total	115	100.0
Missing	System	141	
Total		256	

Support City Bus

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	opposed	53	43.4
	support	68	55.7

Vote Continued Funding

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	vote against	25	10.0
	vote for	215	86.0
	possibly	10	4.0
	Total	250	100.0

City of Gunn Vote Increase tax

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	vote against	77	62.6
	vote for	39	31.7
	possibly	7	5.7
	Total	123	100.0

**Age, income and gender did not seem to be an indicator of why people would vote for or against a particular measure.

April 4, 2008

Subject: RTA Issue Committee

Dear RTA Board Members,

I am writing you to provide a quick update on the future formation of the RTA Issue Committee I am working on. For those who may not be aware, an issue committee is an organization which can collect donations and make expenditures in support of a ballot issue.

I am currently gathering the information I need in order to form the committee. I have met with Stella Dominguez, County Clerk, in order to be sure the committee meets all of the required timelines. I have also begun to sketch out a plan for the committee including membership structure, fundraising options and campaign strategy.

Before the issue committee can be formally organized, the RTA reauthorization must first formally organize and submit ballot language. Because we are only in April, the RTA has plenty of time to do this. The Secretary of State has a list of deadlines for the submittal of the RTA ballot language, and Scott can let you know more about these. There is plenty of time and we are not running into deadlines soon. The only real restraint on the issue committee is that until we formally organize the committee, we can not accept any donations – both monetary and in-kind.

In the meantime, I will keep moving forward with the issue committee. I will continue to search for interested committee members and work towards fleshing out strategy. Of course, many of you will be involved in this in the near future.

I am looking forward to continue working with the RTA on the reauthorization issue. I would have addressed you personally, but unfortunately I am sitting on a beach in lovely Costa Rica. And yes, I do feel sorry for all of you who are stuck in the arctic tundra of Gunnison / Crested Butte. I look forward to seeing all of you when I return.

Thank you,

Chris Morgan

Hi Scott,

As you may or may not know I'm serving as coordinator for the Gunnison River Festival this year to be held from August 15th – 17th this year. We've recently reorganized the festival and think it's going to be better than in previous years for many reasons but partly because we've got more funding than ever before and refurbished features at the park. We've also got a great group of active board members helping add a level of professional touch to the festival.

Two things we're trying to ensure this year is adequate parking at the white water park and downtown. The County has agreed to allow us to use the parking area at the Blackstock building to help with this need as downtown parking can be limited and parking at the white water park is very limited. We feel that adequate transportation between downtown and the park can alleviate the parking shortage at the park and we were hoping to have the assistance of the RTA for this purpose.

Is there any way we can have RTA buses provide some level of shuttling service between the park and the downtown? The current end of the route could potentially be extended to help with this as well as adding a few additional trips to the park if the summer schedule is reduced as it was last summer. We're anticipating activity at the park from 10:00 AM to no later than 7:00PM.

Please let me know your thoughts on this, the RTA's assistance would be greatly appreciated. For your assistance we could offer a gold level sponsorship of the event which would get the RTA logo place on our website, posters and t-shirts, as well as announcements at the festival.

Kindly,
Anthony Poponi
Coordinator
Gunnison River Festival
www.gunnisonriverfestival.com
(970) 596-7496

Ridership on the RTA Gunnison - Crested Butte Route

Year	Month	Operating Cost	Riders	Bus Trips	Miles	Days	ADA Trips	Riders per trip	Riders per day	Cost per bus trip	Cost per mile	Cost per passenger
2007	November	\$ 30,240	3,120	308	9,856	15	-	10.13	208.0	\$ 98.18	\$ 3.07	\$ 9.69
2007	December	\$ 60,585	12,549	712	22,784	31	-	17.63	404.8	\$ 85.09	\$ 2.66	\$ 4.83
2008	January	\$ 55,478	10,867	688	22,016	31	-	15.80	350.5	\$ 80.64	\$ 2.52	\$ 5.11
2008	February	\$ 45,191	11,861	638	20,416	29	-	18.59	409.0	\$ 70.83	\$ 2.21	\$ 3.81
2008	March	\$ 47,433	13,226	682	21,824	31	-	19.39	426.6	\$ 69.55	\$ 2.17	\$ 3.59
Total		\$238,927	51,623	3,028	96,896	137	-	17.05	376.8	\$ 78.91	\$ 2.47	\$ 4.63

Bike Racks:

I received a quote to build bike racks with “RTA” incorporated into the design.

Each rack will hold 10 bikes.

One sided (longer rack) \$350 -\$375 each.

Two sided (shorter rack) \$300 - \$325 each.