

MEETING NOTICE

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

June 12, 2009 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 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
June 12, 2009
8:00 A.M. – CRESTED BUTTE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- 8:00 A. INTRODUCTION
- 8:01 B. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 15, 2009 MINUTES & MAY 29, 2009 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
- 8:03 C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT
- 8:08 D. CORRESPONDENCE – Letter from Jim Schmidt

GENERAL RTA ISSUES

- 8:25 E-1. OLD BUSINESS
 - 1) Appoint new vice chair
 - 2) 2010 Budget discussion - discussion regarding possible future dedication of funding for air and for ground.

- 8:50 F-1. NEW BUSINESS
 - 1) Report from Tourism Association
 - 2) Comments from Citizen Advisory Committee
 - 3) Amend Bylaws (to correct name of the authority)
 - 4) Possible land purchase negotiations (possible executive session at end of meeting)

AIR SERVICE ISSUES

- 9:10 E-2. OLD BUSINESS

- F-2. NEW BUSINESS
 - 1) 2009-2010 – Air service – summary of program
 - 2) Contract with CBMR – authorization of signature
 - 3) Contract with Delta Airlines – authorization of signature
 - 4) Contract with United Airlines – authorization of signature
 - 5) Contract with American Airlines – authorization of signature

GROUND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

- 9:30 E-3. OLD BUSINESS
 - 1) Gunnison – CB service update
 - 2) Mechanical Issues – update

- 9:40 F-3. NEW BUSINESS
 - 1) Chapter 3 of the Transportation Plan Update - discussion

10:00 G. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

10:05 H. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

10:10 I. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting – July 10th, 8:00 a.m. in Gunnison

Please read the Transportation Plan Update – Chapter 3 prior to the next meeting.

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

Gunnison Valley Rural Transportation Authority
Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2009

Members Present:

Scott Truex, Executive Director
Kent Myers, Airplanners LLC
Jim Starr, Gunnison County
Hap Channell, Gunnison County
Jonathan Houck, City of Gunnison
Skip Berkshire, Town of Crested Butte
Bill Babbitt, Town of Mt. Crested Butte

Several other community members were present in the audience including representatives from the Town of Mount Crested Butte, Crested Butte Mountain Resort, Crested Butte-Mt. Crested Butte Chamber, Gunnison Chamber, Alpine Express, H&H Towing, GUC Regional Airport, Tourism Association, the RTA Citizens Advisory Committee, the Crested Butte News and the Gunnison Country Times.

A. INTRODUCTION: The meeting was called to order by Jim Starr.

B. APPROVAL OF THE April 2009 MINUTES: Hap Channell moved to approve the minutes of the April RTA meeting. Jonathan Houck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT: Scott Truex reported that March revenues were up almost \$70K over budget and current trends—later update revealed that this was an anomaly due to a large vendor paying back taxes. Expenses in March were on track with budget. Scott also summarized current grant applications.

D. CORRESPONDENCE: Several letters/e-mails were included in the Board packets from citizens regarding the issues of bus and air service.

GENERAL RTA ISSUES

E-1. OLD BUSINESS:

1. 2010 Budget discussion – Review of available air service and ground transportation funding due to decrease in funding and fund balance-review of Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting (5-14-09): Jeff Moffett summarized the Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting. Scott, Kent Myers, Ken Stone and Daren Cole also provided summaries of their presentations. Eric Roemer also presented some graphs of skier visit data in support of maintaining a high level of air service.

F-1. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Report from the Tourism Association: Jane Chaney summarized a new direct mail program undertaken by the TA. She also reported on the recently completed TA annual meeting.

2. Comments from the Citizens' Advisory Committee: See E-1.1, above.

3. Retreat Checklist: Scott asked that Board members e-mail the status of their action items to him.

4. Possible land purchase negotiations (possible executive session): This item was deferred until the end of the meeting.

5. Resolution #3, Series 2009—Authorizing the chairperson to sign a line of credit with the Community Banks of Colorado in the amount of \$300,000: After Scott presented the rationale for Jim Starr to sign the letter of credit, Hap Channell moved to approve Resolution #3, Series 2009. Jonathan Houck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AIR SERVICE ISSUES

E-2. OLD BUSINESS

1. 2008-2009 Air Service Discussion: Scott reported that UA and DL have submitted invoices for MRG monies due. When CBMR pays their share of the amount due, Scott will pay DL and recover the LOC monies and then pay UA.

2. Greeters at the airport: The Gunnison Chamber and CBMR both reported on their experience providing 'greeters' at GUC.

F-2. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2009-2010 air service discussion (possible executive session to discuss negotiations): Hap Channell moved to go into executive session for this item and item F-1.4. Jonathan Houck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Following the executive session, Hap summarized that the RTA will commit up to \$600 K for the MRG and aim to deliver bus service at the Alternative 4 level. He then moved to authorize up to \$600K for MRG with a 50/50 payment with CBMR; and that the RTA will not provided any needed LOC; and that any MRG in excess of \$1.2M will be borne by CBMR; and that the contract with CBMR will clearly spell out payment of CBMR portion of guarantees to a date certain. Bill Babbitt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

E-3. OLD BUSINESS

1. Gunnison-CB service update: Alpine Express and H&H Towing asked the RTA to indicate whether or not there was a desire to use the H&H facility for the 09/10 season for RTA bus storage in Gunnison. The Board responded in the affirmative. Scott also noted that bus ridership continues to increase.

2. Mechanical Issues - update: Scott reviewed a letter from Cummins regarding engine warranty on bus #34. After some discussion Bill Babbitt moved to authorize Scott and Jim Starr to draft a letter to Cummins to the effect that a one-third split on the engine repair was ok if NABI also shared one-third and that the 'in service date' should be extended. The letter would also seek some clarification of items in the Cummins letter. Hap Channell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Summer 2009 service: Scott presented the 2009 summer bus schedule based on six trips per day.

4. Ohio Creek Park & Ride discussion: Scott asked if the Board wanted to proceed with the FTA grant request (\$130K plus \$20K RTA match) for Ohio Creek. After some discussion, each RTA member was tasked with determining if their respective Council would be willing to contribute \$7500 in 2010 for the required \$20K match for the grant. Members were asked to get back with Scott ASAP with an answer.

F-3. NEW BUSINESS

1. H&H Lease for winter 2009-2010: See E-3.1., above.

G. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS: None

H. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None

I. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 12th, 8:00 am in Crested Butte.

Special Meeting
Gunnison Valley Rural Transportation Authority
Meeting Minutes
May 29, 2009

Members Present:

Scott Truex, RTA Executive Director
Kent Myers, Airplanners LLC (via phone)
Jim Starr, Gunnison County
Bill Nesbitt, City of Gunnison
Skip Berkshire, Town of Crested Butte
William Buck, Town of Mt. Crested Butte
Bill Babbitt, Town of Mt. Crested Butte

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

A. Jim Starr called the meeting to order and confirmed with Scott that proper public notice had been given. Jim then summarized the reason for the meeting. He also introduced Bill Nesbitt as a new RTA Board member representing the Gunnison City Council.

B. Ken Stone and Daren Cole presented a summary of past air service MRG cost sharing as well as CBMR marketing efforts.

C. William Buck moved to go into executive session to discuss negotiations. Bill Babbitt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Following the executive session, Bill Babbitt moved to authorize the following MRG air program for the 2009-2010 season: The RTA and CBMR will equally split the first \$800K; the RTA will pay the next \$200K; CBMR will be responsible for anything in excess of \$1.0M; UA flights from Chicago will be the responsibility of CBMR (although they should be contracted through the RTA) and there should be two airbuses from Denver. Bill Nesbitt seconded the motion. Following a discussion on procedure, William Buck moved to table the above motion. Skip Berkshire seconded the motion. The motion to table passed unanimously.

E. Bill Babbitt moved to cancel the motion from the May 15th RTA meeting (item F-2.1). Skip Berkshire seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F. William Buck moved to reintroduce the motion from item D, above into consideration. Bill Nesbitt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

G. The motion from item D, above was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

Gunnison Valley Rural Transportation Authority
Special Meeting---Citizens' Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2009

Members Present:

Scott Truex, RTA Executive Director
Kent Myers, Airplanners LLC
Jim Starr, Gunnison County
Kimberly Metsch, Town of Crested Butte
Bill Babbitt, Town of Mt. Crested Butte
Jeff Moffett, Citizens' Advisory Committee

Jim Starr called the meeting to order and introduced Jeff Moffett who then chaired the meeting.

Approximately eighteen people attended the meeting including business owners and citizens from Crested Butte, Mt. Crested Butte, and Gunnison as well as representatives from CBMR, Alpine Express and Mountain Express.

Scott Truex presented a summary of RTA revenues and expenses from 2005 through 2009 (projected).

Kent Myers presented a summary of air service funding across several different resort communities, including Gunnison-Crested Butte (GUC). Kent also presented a seat count summary for 07/08, 08/09, and 09/10 (planned).

Scott Truex then presented a summary of options regarding future bus service.

Ken Stone presented an overview of CBMR contributions to the air service program and their related economic impacts.

Some of the comments from the public included:

-"charge for bus service"
-"don't reduce bus service too much"
-"look at bus service for least impacting runs to cut"
-"use Mt. CB admission tax to help with funding"
-"must have both air and bus service, but would prefer full busses to empty planes"
-"without full planes bus service becomes almost unnecessary"

The meeting was concluded and the RTA Board will take the presentations and comments into consideration when deciding the 2009-2010 air/ground programs.

**Gunnison Valley Transportation Authority
Financial Report - April 2009**

Revenues	2009	2009	Actual Rev.&	2009	% of
	Actual	Budget	Board Approved Revisions	Revised Budget	Budget
Starting Fund Balance 1/1	\$ 637,855.46	\$ 637,855		\$ 637,855	
Jan	\$ 86,152.67	\$ 104,500	\$ (18,347)	\$ 86,153	82.4%
Feb	\$ 81,261.60	\$ 94,800	\$ (13,538)	\$ 81,262	85.7%
Mar	\$ 93,903.94	\$ 109,900	\$ (15,996)	\$ 93,904	85.4%
One time payment - late payer	\$ 87,133.12	\$ -	\$ 87,133	\$ 87,133	N/A
April		\$ 62,600		\$ 62,600	0.0%
May		\$ 66,700		\$ 66,700	0.0%
June		\$ 106,000		\$ 106,000	0.0%
July		\$ 136,400		\$ 136,400	0.0%
Aug		\$ 128,500		\$ 128,500	0.0%
Sept		\$ 106,100		\$ 106,100	0.0%
Oct		\$ 80,000		\$ 80,000	0.0%
Nov		\$ 80,000	\$ (23,000)	\$ 57,000	0.0%
Dec		\$ 124,500	\$ (17,500)	\$ 107,000	0.0%
Year to Date Tax Revenues	<u>\$ 348,451.33</u>	<u>\$ 309,200</u>		<u>\$ 348,452</u>	<u>112.7%</u>
Full Year - Tax Revenues	<u>\$ 348,451.33</u>	<u>\$ 1,200,000</u>		<u>\$ 1,198,752</u>	<u>29.1%</u>
Other Revenues					
RTA Tax - Clerk	\$ 1,660.76	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	16.6%
Denver Bus Partners	\$ 31,500.00	\$ 29,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 31,500	100.0%
Operating Grant		\$ 118,000		\$ 118,000	0.0%
Capital Grant	\$ -	\$ 240,000		\$ 240,000	0.0%
Interest Revenue	\$ 1,629.04	\$ 13,307		\$ 13,307	12.2%
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 383,241.13</u>	<u>\$ 1,610,807</u>		<u>\$ 1,611,559</u>	<u>23.8%</u>
Expenses					
Postage	\$ 17.15	\$ 100		\$ 100	17.2%
Photocopies	\$ -	\$ 20		\$ 20	0.0%
Professional Services - Truex	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 67,200		\$ 67,200	41.7%
Professional Services - Airplanners	\$ 29,551.37	\$ 72,000		\$ 72,000	41.0%
Professional Services - Landwehr	\$ 435.00	\$ 10,800		\$ 10,800	4.0%
Professional Services - Levy	\$ 830.00	\$ -	\$ 830	\$ 830	100.0%
Audit Cost	\$ -	\$ 3,000		\$ 3,000	0.0%
Revenue Collection Fee	\$ 2,616.00	\$ 15,000		\$ 15,000	17.4%
Airline Guarantees	\$ -	\$ 800,000		\$ 800,000	0.0%
Airline Startup Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	0.0%
Fees	\$ 35.53	\$ 150		\$ 150	23.7%
Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	0.0%
Ground Transportation	\$ 175,349.78	\$ 411,335		\$ 411,335	42.6%
Denver Bus Service	\$ 31,005.99	\$ 43,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 45,500	68.1%
Advertising	\$ 5,924.95	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 11,000	53.9%
Travel & Transportation	\$ 3,759.63	\$ 1,200	\$ 3,300	\$ 4,500	83.5%
D&O Insurance	\$ 3,238.00	\$ 3,500		\$ 3,500	92.5%
Meals & Lodging	\$ 1,264.02	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 4,500	28.1%
Dues & Meetings	\$ 3,730.25	\$ 3,500		\$ 3,500	106.6%
Repair & Maintenance - Vehicles	\$ 13,183.08	\$ 20,000	\$ 9,750	\$ 29,750	44.3%
Fuel	\$ 24,569.49	\$ 148,000		\$ 148,000	16.6%
Vehicles	\$ 11,250.00	\$ -	\$ 11,250	\$ 11,250	100.0%
Construction Costs	\$ -	\$ 300,000		\$ 300,000	0.0%
Treasurer's Fees	\$ 3,606.43	\$ 12,000		\$ 12,000	30.1%
Transfer to General Fund	\$ 5,040.00	\$ 15,120		\$ 15,120	33.3%
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 343,406.67</u>	<u>\$ 1,934,925</u>		<u>\$ 2,024,555</u>	<u>17.0%</u>
Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	\$ 39,834.46	\$ (324,118)		\$ (412,996)	
Balance Remaining	\$ 677,689.92	\$ 313,737		\$ 224,860	

*based upon 2008
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Report shows posted revenues through March & expenditures through April

James A. Schmidt

May28, 2009

Jeff Hermanson, President

Crested Butte Land Trust

James Starr, Chairman

Gunnison Valley Regional Transportation Authority

Dear Sirs:

I am writing this as one of the drivers of the RTA buses servicing the Gunnison Valley. This past month we have had several very close calls as passengers got off a southbound bus at Cement Creek/Crested Butte South. Though the drivers inform the departing passengers that they need to cross behind the vehicles for visibility and safety reasons, these instructions are not always followed. Sometimes the rider is wearing Ipod earbuds. Sometimes they just don't pay attention or have a very short attention span. We do have a lot of teenagers and pre-teens getting off at this stop. Frankly, the thought of sitting in the front seat of the bus and watching someone get hit by a car is rather horrifying. Though I don't drive the RTA as often as some of the other drivers, I have witnessed several people starting to bolt across in front of a south bound vehicle. This is not a pleasant way to get one's heart thumping.

We have been lucky so far but I fear what some have described as inevitable. The reason I am writing is to ask the Land Trust and the RTA to reconsider using part of the Land Trust parcel at the corner of Cement Creek Road and Hwy. 135 as a pull-off bus stop/park and ride. The building of berms and landscaping has made such stops almost invisible along 82 between Carbondale and Aspen and there is no reason to think the same cannot be done here.

I have been a strong supporter of the Land Trust since its inception both monetarily and during my many years on the Crested Butte Town Council. I am aware of its specific goals. However, I feel that this impending disaster calls for a broader vision.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Jim Schmidt

Crested Butte

CC: The Crested Butte News, The Gunnison County Times

Ridership on the RTA Gunnison - Crested Butte Route

Year	Month	Riders	Bus Trips	Miles	Days	ADA Trips	Riders per trip	Riders per day	Riders Last Year		
									Year	Change	%
2008	November	3,455	260	8,320	30	-	13.29	115.2	3,120	335	11%
2008	December	15,837	698	22,336	31	-	22.69	510.9	12,549	3,288	26%
2009	January	15,829	684	21,888	31	-	23.14	510.6	10,867	4,962	46%
2009	February	13,060	622	19,904	28	-	21.00	466.4	11,861	1,199	10%
2009	March	12,434	682	21,824	31	-	18.23	401.1	13,226	(792)	-6%
2009	April	3,954	130	8,320	30	-	30.42	131.8	6,435	(2,481)	-39%
2009	May	2,029	222	7,104	31	-	9.14	65.5	2,342	(313)	-13%
Total		66,598	3,298	109,696	212	-	20.19	314.1	60,400	6,198	10%

June 3, 2009

Mr. Brian Ondre
VP, Northern Operations
Cummins Rocky Mountain
390 Interlocken Crescent
Suite 200
Broomfield, CO 80021

Dear Mr Ondre:

Thank you for your letter dated May 14th, 2009. The Board of Directors met on May 15th and discussed your letter and the goals you addressed. We do agree with the three goals and wish to work with you to make sure that all three are addressed. While the Board appreciates your efforts, they are not satisfied with the proposed solutions towards reaching these goals. In the spirit of compromise and moving the process forward, the Board has decided not to pursue legal channels at this time and would prefer to offer the following as a solution to the three goals:

First, as you proposed, the RTA would agree to pay 1/3 of the cost of repairing unit #84 in an amount not to exceed \$4,800, assuming that this unit can be returned in good working order within the next 30 days and that the second condition (below) is met.

Second, in order to insure, ensure and assure that the four buses run problem free going forward, we would like to see your warranties for the vehicles extended to the same dates that NABI has extended their warranties. NABI extended their warranties to 2 ½ years from the original Warranty Start Dates, or 125,000 miles, whichever occurs first.

The Warranty End Dates would be:

<u>Unit Body #</u>	<u>Warranty End Date</u>
F153589	6/13/2010
F153590	6/13/2010
F153591	6/29/2010
F153592	7/11/2010

The Board has determined that though they are not pleased with the turn of events that has led us to this situation; they could accept the above compromise if Cummins Rocky Mountain is willing to accept it as well.

Please let us know if Cummins Rocky Mountain accepts the solution as presented above. We look forward to working with you and moving forward to ensure that our vehicles meet the standards we expected from them when we purchased them.

Thank you. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Jim Starr,
Board Chair

Scott A. Truex,
Executive Director

Email to NABI:

Mr. Geier,

Attached, please find the RTA response to Cummins's offer regarding the problems with our vehicles. Since we have not received a response from NABI, I urge you (or someone at NABI) to contact Brian Ondre at Cummins and myself so that we can resolve these issues as soon as possible. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Scott Truex
Executive Director
Gunnison Valley Rural Transportation Authority

Response from NABI (copied to Cummins):

Scott,
On the behalf of NABI/Blue Bird/Optima I would like to apologize for the inconvenience you have experienced with your Blue Bird buses. As a response to your letter sent April 13th there are no evidence in anyway this is a Blue Bird issue. There for NABI will not participate in the three way spit of the repairs. However as the OEM of the buses we will stand behind you and take this issue to the next level. Cooperate Cummins is aware of this issue so let me know how you would like to proceed.

A formal letter will be sent out this week.

Best regards,
Scott Geier
NABI/Blue Bird/Optima
Field Service Manager

My response:

Scott,

Please explain what you mean by "take this issue to the next level". We have a board meeting this week and I would like to be able to explain. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Scott Truex
Executive Director
Gunnison Valley Rural Transportation Authority