BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT
December 12, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Armenta called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. in the MST Conference Room and Director Downey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Fernando Armenta County of Monterey
           Alan Cohen City of Pacific Grove
           Libby Downey City of Monterey
           Alvin Edwards City of Seaside
           Susan Kleber City of King
           Frank O’Connell City of Marina
           David Pendergrass City of Sand City
           Sergio Sanchez City of Salinas
           Karen Sharp City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
           Patricia Stephens City of Soledad

Absent: Kristin Clark City of Del Rey Oaks
          John Huerta, Jr. City of Greenfield
          Maria Orozco City of Gonzales

Staff: Sonia Bannister Office Administrator/Marketing & Sales Specialist
      Kelly Halcon Director of Human Resources
      Hunter Harvath Asst. General Manager/Finance & Administration
      Michael Hernandez Asst. General Manager/COO
      Carl Sedoryk General Manager/CEO
      Deanna Smith Executive Assistant to the GM/CEO
      Robert Weber Director of Transportation Services
      Tom Hicks Mobility Manager
      Mark Eccles Director of IT
      Michelle Overmeyer Grants & Compliance Analyst
      Kathy Williams General Budget & Accounting Manager
      Carl Wulf Facilities Manager

Others: John Arriaga JEA & Associates
        Don Gilchrest Thomas Walters, Inc.
        Dave Laredo De Lay & Laredo
        Ron Hughes CalVans

*Apology is made for any misspelling of a name.*

Director Sanchez arrived at 9:02 a.m.
2. CONSENT AGENDA

2-1. Review highlights of Agenda.

2-2. Adopt Resolution 2012-10 recognizing Michelle Overmeyer, Grants and Compliance Analyst, as Employee of the Month for December, 2011.

2-3. Disposal of property left aboard buses.

2-4. Minutes of the regular meeting of November 14, 2011.


2-7. Approve Resolution 2012-11 authorizing the filing of a grant application with the California Emergency Management Agency (formerly the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security).


2-11. Authorize staff to schedule public hearings for service reductions anticipated for spring 2012.

2-12. Approve Resolution 2012-13 (Attachment 1) authorizing the filing of a grant application with the Community Foundation for Monterey County.

2-13. Authorize the GM/CEO to sign a letter of agreement with AMBAG for participation in CalVANS Joint Powers Agreement.

End of Consent Agenda

Mr. Sedoryk read the highlights of the agenda.

Public Comment – none.

Director Downey made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Director Kleber. The motion carried unanimously.

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

3-1. December Employee of the Month – Michelle Overmeyer, Grants and Compliance Analyst.

Mr. Harvath introduced Michelle Overmeyer and recognized her value to MST in managing and increasing the number of grants applied for each year; she currently manages approximately thirty grants. Her efforts recently resulted in a $788,000 grant to purchase four hybrid diesel electronic minibuses.

Mr. Pagan was not present.

Public Comment – none.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5-1 Finance Committee minutes from November 14, 2011.

6. BIDS/PROPOSALS

6-1 Approve using FTA Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) grant funds for a contract with United Way Monterey County (UWMC) for the continuation of 211 information and referral services in Monterey County.

Mr. Sedoryk stated that CalTrans has advised that no action be taken on this item until issues with the Department of Transportation are resolved. The item will be brought back to the Board for consideration when all issues are resolved.

Director Downey made a motion to pull Item 6-1 from the agenda and was seconded by Director Kleber. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – none.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9-1 Receive update on state and federal legislative issues and adopt MST 2012 Legislative Program.

Mr. Harvath introduced Mr. Arriaga, MST’s state lobbyist. Mr. Arriaga passed out a Legislative Report and discussed current and future state budget issues. Positive news included congressional approval of the gas tax swap. Possible negative issues include a projected state budget shortfall of $3.5 billion that call for automatic budget cut triggers that could affect transportation funding.

Mr. Sedoryk referred the Board to the attached Draft MST 2012 Legislative Program that was reviewed by the Legislative Committee. Of particular importance is Item 2Sa of the state program that details legislation that would allow MST to use all forms of revenues and other income to pay for capital projects funded by bonds.
Mr. Sedoryk announced Mr. Gilchrest, MST’s federal lobbyist. Mr. Gilchrest discussed current and future federal budget issues. Mr. Gilchrest stated that a new short term Transportation Appropriations Bill was signed by Congress, but that he is hopeful that members of Congress are now eager to support a bipartisan 2 year reauthorization transportation and infrastructure bill. Congressman Boehner is proposing a six-seven year bill that will fund at current levels plus inflation increases. Mr. Gilchrest also recommended that staff meet with congressional staff in January to have a better opportunity to affect legislation.

Chair Armenta asked that opportunities to work with the Veterans Administration be explored. Mr. Sedoryk stated that Congressman Farr was going to explore funding opportunities and that he would follow up on the issue.

Mr. Sedoryk requested input from the Board regarding attendance at the March APTA Legislative Conference.

Director Downey stated that the March meeting seemed to be an unnecessary expense if it is not seen as beneficial.

Mr. Gilchrest suggested the March APTA Legislative Conference would not be a beneficial meeting for Board members, but that they try instead to meet with legislators when they are in the Monterey area.

Director Sanchez stated that he thought one or two members of staff should attend the conference.

Chair Armenta confirmed that the MST Board would pass on this year’s APTA conference.

Public Comment – none.

Mr. Harvath requested adoption of the 2012 MST Legislative Program.

Director Downey made a motion to approve the MST 2012 Legislative Program and was seconded by Director Edwards. The motion carried unanimously.

10. REPORTS & INFORMATION ITEMS

10-1 General Manager/CEO Report.
10-2 TAMC Highlights – October, 2011.
10-5 Staff trip reports.
10-6 Correspondence – Article: Alameda County commission proposes ballot measure to increase sales tax for transportation.
Mr. Sedoryk noted that the Board was provided with corrections to pages 73-84 of the General Manager/CEO report. Original reports reflected a 6% decrease in ridership during the month of October; the reports were corrected to reflect a 2% decrease in ridership. Annual ridership is still showing a 2.2% increase overall, which is in line with national ridership levels as discussed in the article provided in Item 10-6.

Director Downey requested that future changes to reports highlight the new information.

11. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

11-1 Reports on meetings attended by Board members at MST expense (AB 1234).

Director Sanchez mentioned the recent Monterey Herald article regarding MST’s possible service cuts for spring 2012 that provided suggestions for mitigating some of the cuts. He requested that MST meet with local colleges to discuss transportation opportunities.

12. ATTACHMENTS


13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Sedoryk announced that Ms. Smith has 2012 MST badge stickers for Board members who have not yet received them.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Chair Armenta called a three minute recess at 10:23 a.m. before moving to Closed Session.


14-2 Conference with Legal Counsel-Litigation, Existing Litigation, Gov. Code § 54956.9(a). Landwatch v. County of Monterey. (Monterey Superior Court Case No. M113552) (No enclosure)

14-3. General Manager Performance Evaluation, Gov. Code § 54957 (b) - (No enclosure)

15. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

15-1. Report on Closed Session and possible action.
No reportable action taken.

16. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Armenta adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Prepared by: Deanna Smith, Deputy Secretary