BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Monterey-Salinas Transit
June 10, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER

1-1. Roll call.

1-2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Orozco called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll call was taken and the pledge of allegiance followed.

Present: Fernando Armenta County of Monterey
Tony Barrera City of Salinas
Victoria Beach City of Carmel-by-the-Sea (arrived 10:04 a.m.)
Alan Cohen City of Pacific Grove
Libby Downey City of Monterey
Alvin Edwards City of Seaside
Randy Hurley City of Greenfield
Frank O’Connell City of Marina
Maria Orozco City of Gonzales
David Pendergrass City of Sand City
Patricia Stephens City of Soledad

Absent: Kristin Clark City of Del Rey Oaks
Alan Cohen City of Pacific Grove
Terry Hughes City of King

Staff: Carl Sedoryk General Manager/CEO
Hunter Harvath Asst. General Manager/Finance & Administration
Michael Hernandez Asst. General Manager/COO
Deanna Smith Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board
Kelly Halcon Director of Human Resources & Risk Management
Robert Weber Director of Transportation Services
Mark Eccles Director of IT
Tom Hicks CTSA Manager
Zoe Shoats Marketing Analyst
Mike Gallant Business Development Planner
Sonia Bannister Customer Service Supervisor
Dave Laredo De Lay & Laredo

Others: Renee Leonard MST Rider
Lance Atencio MVT
Jim Lopez MST Employee
Heather Abramson AMBAG
2. CONSENT AGENDA

2-1. Review highlights of Agenda.


2-3. Disposal of property left aboard buses.


2-6. Adopt Resolution 2013-29, authorizing the filing of an application with the Department of Transportation, for a grant under the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, for financial assistance FY 2013-14.

2-7. Authorize the Purchase of Accessible Mini-Vans.

Mr. Sedoryk pulled item 2-4 per the request of Director Downey, and requested that the recording of the May 13, 2013, board meeting be reviewed and the minutes corrected to clarify Congressman Farr’s response to both Director Downey and Director Armenta regarding the value of sending board members to Washington, D. C. to meet with Congressman Farr for the purpose of requesting federal funds. Ms. Smith will amend the minutes to read:

“Director Downey asked Congressman Farr whether he recommended sending board members to the APTA Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., to meet with him regarding federal transit funding. Congressman Farr stated that he did not recommend this, and that the board should be meeting with him locally. He stated that since earmarks have been eliminated from MAP-21, and all funding is based on formulas, lobbying for additional dollars is not beneficial.

“Director Armenta asked Congressman Farr if he agreed that it was important for the board to remain in contact with their transit agencies and coalitions to encourage advocacy on transit matters. Congressman Farr stated that MST should be utilizing their lobbyists and transit associations to lobby in D.C. He stated that there may be educational benefits for board members at the D.C. conferences, but it may not be a cost-effective way to get the advocacy desired.”
Director Beach arrived at 10:04 a.m.

Director Armenta made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, including requested amendments to the May 13 minutes and was seconded by Director Edwards. The motion carried unanimously.

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS


Mr. Hernandez recognized Jim Lopez, Advanced Mechanic, as the June Employee of the Month for his positive contribution to MST and to the entire community.

3-2. Presentation on the 2014 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and its Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Heather Adamson, AMBAG Principal Planner, provided a PowerPoint update on the 2014 MTP and its Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Chair Orozco thanked Ms. Adamson for the South County Workshop and for the excellent translation services provided.

3-3. Monterey Bay Aquarium – Free to Learn program.

Barbara Meister, Monterey Bay Aquarium Public Affairs Director, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Free to Learn program that benefits low income, at risk, and underserved children and adults.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Renee Leonard of Seaside thanked MST for the second bus to the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula and for placing trash cans at the new bus stops. She stated that the Monterey Transit Plaza still does not have adequate trash cans and the facility is filthy and people are still openly using drugs. She requested the destination signage on Line 1 be corrected to include Foam Street instead of Hoffman.

Eric Petersen requested that the public be informed of any discussions regarding the location of a new MST’s administration and bus facility.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5-1. Legislative Committee Minutes from May 13, 2013.

Director Downey requested that the minutes reflect that she voted “no” on Item 5, the motion to send three board members to attend the APTA Legislative Conference and the APTA Annual Meeting.
6. **BIDS/PROPOSALS**

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8-1. Adopt FY 2014 Operating and Capital Budget.

Mr. Sedoryk announced that he had received confirmation that the ATU, International, will not object to our most recent federal operating grant; therefore, the board approved Emergency Service Reduction Plan will not need to be implemented at this time. He cautioned that this does not ensure future operating grants will be approved, and there is still approximately $7 million in capital grants being withheld.

He stated that this budget is balanced and reflects the budget for the first year of our recently adopted three-year Strategic Plan. Mr. Harvath stated that the budget allocates $4,326,589 for reserves and a large increase in capital replacements. Cash flow still remains a major concern.

Director Downey asked if the MST Board approved supporting AB 160. Mr. Sedoryk stated that the item was part of the negotiating agreement with ATU and was presented to the Board at the December 18, 2012 meeting. The recommendation to support came from MST Legal Counsel during the negotiating process, but was provided as information only and was not placed on the agenda for Board approval. Director Downey requested that support to legislation be brought to the board for approval in the future.

Public Comment – none.

**Director Barrera made a motion to adopt the FY 2014 Operating and Capital Budget and was seconded by Director Edwards. The motion carried unanimously.**

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

10. **REPORTS & INFORMATION ITEMS**


Mr. Sedoryk handed out a letter from the representatives of 599 Lighthouse Ave. The letter is for information only and was not discussed as it was received after the agenda was posted.


10-5. Staff trip reports.
11. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

11-1. Reports on meetings attended by Board Members at MST expense (AB1234).

11-2. Board Member Comments and Announcements.

Director Barrera congratulated Mr. Sedoryk, Mr. Harvath, and MST staff for their continued efforts on behalf of the public. He stated that MST is one of the easiest boards to serve on.

11-3. Board Member Referrals for future agendas.

Director Armenta requested that a discussion regarding leasing accessible vehicles to taxi companies not in good standing with RTA Regulations be placed on the next agenda.

Director Downey asked if the City of Salinas had provided an answer to the repayment of RTA start up costs to MST. Director Barrera stated that he did not think the issue had come before the board yet. Director Edwards requested that an update be placed on the next RTA agenda and requests that the issue be resolved. Mr. Sedoryk asked Ms. Smith to research the status of all jurisdictions.

12. ATTACHMENTS


13. CLOSED SESSION

13-1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Litigation - Existing Litigation, Gov. Code § 54956.9(a): Monterey County Superior Court Case No. M 122629 Cal Signal Corp. v. County of Monterey et al. (No enclosure) (D. Laredo, C. Sedoryk)


13-3 Conference with property negotiators. (Parcel # APN 259-011-067, 259-011-060, 003-171-024, 003-171-027, 002-248-009-010, 013-312-015-000 011-486-004, 032-171-005, L.2.1, 1.2.4.3, L.2.4.2, L.2.2.1, L.2.2.2, L.2.3, L.2.4.1) (No enclosure) (C. Sedoryk)

The Board moved to Closed Session at 11:10 a.m.
14. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

15-1. Report on Closed Session and possible action.

No reportable action taken

15. ADJOURN

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

Prepared by: Deanna Smith, Deputy Secretary