



MODOC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
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MINUTES
Regular Meeting
April 7, 2015

Board Members Present

John Dederick	Councilmember, City of Alturas
Bobby Ray	Councilmember, City of Alturas
Mark Moriarity	Citizen at Large, Modoc County
Kathie Alves (Alternate)	Board of Supervisor District III, Modoc County
Bill Hall	Citizen at Large, City

Board Members Absent (Alternates)

Cheryl Nelson (Alternate)	Councilmember, City of Alturas
Jim Wills	Board of Supervisors District IV, Modoc County
David Allan	Board of Supervisors, District IV, Modoc County

Staff Present

Debbie Pedersen	Executive Director
Niki Witherspoon	Systems Manager
Jacque Dockery	Office Assistant

Public Present

Aaron Casas	Caltrans District 2 Regional Planning Liaison
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1. **Call to Order** – **Chairman Dederick** called the meeting to order at 2:14 p.m. in the Alturas City Council Chambers at 200 W. North Street.
2. **Public Forum** – There were no public comments.
3. **Confirm Agenda** - Motion by Board Member Hall to confirm agenda, seconded by Board Member Moriarity. All ayes; motion carried.
4. **Consent Agenda-**
 - a. Approve minutes from 02/03/15 MTA Regular Meeting.
 - b. YTD expenditures through 02/28/15
 - c. Financial Transactions 01/01/15 through 02/28/15.

Motion by Board Member Hall to approve Consent Agenda items a-c above; seconded by Alternate Board Member Alves. All ayes; motion carried.
5. **Regular Business**
 - a. **Consider driver salary increase**
 - Director Pedersen presented information indicating the benefits of increasing the base pay for drivers in order to attract drivers and compete with currently offered pay scales. Pedersen mentioned that the wage has been below average since 2012 and MTA has been working since then to increase the salary range to be more competitive. The FTA grants partially used

to fund drivers payroll is not being completely utilized, so there is revenue available for the requested increase. Sage Stage is responsible for more precious cargo and public relations than the surrounding construction companies who start with \$15.00 per hour.

Motion by Board Member Ray to increase base pay for drivers to \$14.50 per hour beginning July 1, 2015, seconded by Board Member Hall. All ayes; motion carried.

b. Special Event Use of Sage Stage multimodal area

- Director Pedersen reported that there hasn't been any interest for usage of the park by vendors at this time. Discussion included the need for permits and insurance, and the idea of the public wanting to use the area for events and birthday parties. The idea will be put on hold for now and we'll watch and see if there are any requests this summer.

c. Surplus Vehicle T-9

Director Pedersen informed the Board that vehicle T-9 is ready to be retired and two new vehicles were received on March 31, 2015. A request has been sent to Caltrans for approval to retire the vehicle. Authorization is also necessary from the Board. The starting bid for T-9 will be \$5,000. At this time, there are no interested parties. An effort will be made to sell the vehicle and if unsuccessful, staff will proceed with public auction.

Motion by Board Member Hall to declare T-9 surplus and authorize Executive Director to advertise, accept sealed bids, open, award and otherwise dispose of vehicle in accordance with MTA Purchasing Policies and Procedures, seconded by Board Member Ray. All ayes; motion carried.

6. System Update, Communications and Calendar

1. Sage Stage Operations Report – Performance statistics (below) are accurate although unaudited.

<i>Month</i>	Passenger Trips			Miles			Fares		
	2015	2014	Change	2015	2014	Change	2015	2014	Change
Feb	516	699	15%↓	7,924	8,336	3%↓	\$3,312	\$5,085	21%↓
Mar	927	642	18%↑	11,067	9,166	9%↑	\$5,309	\$5,445	1%↓
Apr									

2. Revenue Service Miles compared to Fuel Costs.

<i>Month</i>	Miles			Fuel Cost			Fuel Cost per Mile		
	2015	2014	2013	2015	2014	2013	2015	2014	2013
Feb	7,924	8,336	9,959	\$1,982	\$3,034	\$3,889	.25¢	.36¢	.39¢
Mar	11,067	9,166	10,394	\$3,086	\$3,896	\$4,332	.28¢	.43¢	.42¢
Apr		10,244	10,708		4,061	\$3,940		.40¢	.37¢

3. Ridership - US 395 intercity route by county of origin or destination (O/D) –Operates between Alturas, Susanville and Reno on reservation basis three (3) times per week on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays.

Month	Modoc O/D		Lassen O/D		Total Ridership	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
Feb	27	43	54	76	81	119
Mar		58		82		140
Apr		60		92		152

4. Ridership - Alturas-Cedarville-Ft. Bidwell - Operates Thursdays by reservation only.

Month	Passengers		Total Route Ridership 2014
	Cedarville	Ft. Bidwell	
Feb	0	14	14
Mar	0	13	13
Apr			

a. **Staff Updates**

Jacque Dockery, office assistant, presented the System Update as shown. Numbers were down in February due to limited drivers and the resulting canceled routes. Discussion ensued about the Cedarville route ridership and the Susanville Rancheria affecting the Reno service. Director Pedersen mentioned that the ridership will have to pick up in Cedarville in order to maintain funding for that route. At this time we are transporting riders from Ft. Bidwell to Alturas, but not from Cedarville to Alturas. The Susanville Rancheria has not affected our ridership, as yet. Research will be done to determine the best way to include gravel roads on our demand-response service area.

b. **Other Information**

Director Pedersen presented the following upcoming events and items of interest:

- CHP terminal inspection is due and will be scheduled soon.
- MTA received two new vehicles, T-18 and T-19, on March 31.
- Sage Stage will be offering free rides to and from the Children’s Fair on Saturday, May 16, 2015 from 9 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
- The FY 2015/16 Budget and 5311/5311f grants will be reviewed at the June Meeting.

Calendar – consider future dates and events of interest:

05/11/15 Modoc TAC meeting, 1:00 pm – Sage Stage conference room, 108 S. Main St., Alturas, CA

05/25/15 Memorial Day holiday – Offices closed – No bus service

06/02/15 MCTC/MTA Board of Directors meetings, 1:30 pm City Hall, Alturas, CA

7. **Adjournment** Board Member Alves motioned to adjourn meeting at 2:35 p.m.; seconded by Board Member Hall. All ayes; motion carried. The next regular meeting is scheduled June 2, 2015, in the Alturas City Hall following the MCTC meeting at about 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Jacque Dockery