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Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District – May 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Directors
Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District
May 19, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on May 19, 2021, at 6:00pm, in the Gypsum Recreation Center, 52 Lundgren Blvd, Gypsum, Colorado, and via Zoom platform, in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado.

Attendance The following Directors were present and acting:

- Liz Jones
- Mikayla Curtis
- Mike McCormack (attending remotely)
- Tom Pohl
- Chris Pryor (attending remotely)

Also in attendance were:

- Janet Bartnik, Executive Director
- Scott Robinson, Superintendent of Business Operations
- Scott Ruff, Superintendent of Facilities
- Cat Olson, Human Resources Manager
- Alethea Platter, Accounting Manager
- Eddie Campos, Marketing and Communications Manager
- Lizzy Owens, Community Engagement Manager
- Brad Johnson, Facility Supervisor – Edwards Field House
- Rachel Zacher, Programs Supervisor – Youth & Senior Programs
- Lauren Shively, Facility Supervisor – Gypsum Recreation Center
- Erin Fernandez, Ina Consultants
- Angelo Fernandez, Ina Consultants
- Ken Marchetti, Marchetti & Weaver
- Jesse Masten, Eagle County Solid Waste and Recycling
- Emerson Schroeder, 4th Grader from Eagle

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District was called to order by Chairperson Jones on May 19, 2021, at 5:06pm, noting a quorum was present to conduct business.

The board adjourned to work session to engage in Forward Together training. The board reconvened at 6:03pm for the business meeting.

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2. Changes to the Agenda

Director Jones stated that Emerson Schroeder would be arriving at 6:30pm for public comment.

3. Minutes

Director Curtis moved to approve the April 21, 2021 minutes as amended. Director Pryor seconded the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the April 21, 2021, meeting minutes as amended.

4. Public Input and Presentations

Emerson Schroeder, 4th Grader from Eagle, stated that she had seen a skate park in the Mountain Rec plans for the Eagle area. She asked how she could help with the project. Director McCormack stated that he was pleased that Ms. Schroeder had brought a question about what she could do to the board. He suggested that she talk about the projects as much as possible. Director Curtis said that Mountain Rec would be sharing information at events all summer and that she would be welcomed at those events. Ms. Owens recommended that Ms. Schroeder consider writing a letter to the editor of the paper. Director Jones thanked Ms. Schroeder for attending the meeting.

Director Jones stated that she is hoping that every staff and board member signs up for at least three events in the public information push.

5. Business

a. Miller Ranch Lighting Project Participation Request

Ms. Bartnik stated that Todd Williams, Edwards Metro District Board of Directors, was present at the April board meeting to request the board's consideration of participation in the funding of pedestrian path lighting project along Miller Ranch Road in Edwards. The lighting project includes a section of the road on the north side of Freedom Park. Mr. Williams indicated that the project was suggested through a Family Leadership Training Institute project. Mr. Williams asked that the board contribute \$20,000 each year for the next three years toward the first phase of the dark skies compliant project which will cost \$1.2 million over three phases.

Director Curtis clarified that the action item report was incorrect in stating that Mountain Youth was contributing funding to the project. Ms. Bartnik had misinterpreted the request letter from Edwards Metro District.

Director Jones asked the board to consider the request.

Director Pryor stated that initial discussions in which he was involved included conversation related to safety improvements with the addition of a light pointing toward the fields so that there would be lighting to assist patrons leaving the park after dark. He asked that Mountain Rec staff ask the Edwards Metro District

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Board to consider a lighting addition at the May 20 Edwards Metro District business meeting.

Director Curtis asked if there was time to amend the project. Mr. Marchetti stated that the project had not been put out to bid and that there was time.

Director Jones stated that this is a project that improves the community for residents of the Mountain Rec District, even though it may not be directly related to recreation.

Director Pohl stated that this project would improve safety in and around Freedom Park. His concern was related to budgetary constraints and any sense of unequal support across the communities within the District.

The consensus of the Board was to indicate interest in participating and support for the lighting project with the Edwards Metro District at the amount requested provided that funding be approved in the next fiscal year approval cycle, the project commences, and that there is consideration of the addition of lighting pointing toward the sports fields for safety of park patrons.

b. Eagle County Recycling Center Co-Location MOU

Eagle County's recycling center currently located at the Edwards interstate rest stop needs to be relocated where it can be observed readily and away from the riparian corridor. Eagle County staff have been working on plans to relocate the recycling service to the west side of the Edwards Field House. An MOU governing the relocation is presented for consideration. Mr. Masten was present to answer questions from the board.

Mr. Masten stated that the county has been looking for a new location in Edwards since 2016. A comparison of multiple sites for viability was developed based on a concrete set of criteria. This site was most viable. The county will need to invest about \$250,000 in the relocation to include concrete pad, curb and fencing, larger containers, and surveillance. The county is considering adding a subscription based composting container based on resident interest.

Director Pryor stated that he appreciated having the opportunity to review this project personally with Mr. Masten ahead of the meeting. He visited the Gypsum recycling center to ensure that it was maintained well. He stated that he had suggested that there be additional signage added which was acceptable to Mr. Masten.

Mr. Masten stated that there is a County employee who visits the site daily for inspection and maintenance.

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Director Pohl stated that the Edwards Recycling Center had been a mess, and that he was comfortable with the move if it is moved and maintained appropriately so as not to associate an eyesore with the Field House.

Director McCormack stated that he wanted to support the project, but that he had concerns over increased traffic in and around kids and dogs in a park. He appreciated that Mr. Masten had put so much thought into the project and acknowledged many of the board's concerns.

Director Pryor moved to approve an MOU with Eagle County governing the relocation of the recycling center with the addition of required regularly scheduled staff review of operating concerns with the County. Director Pohl seconded the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve an MOU with Eagle County governing the relocation of the recycling center to the Field House site.

c. Other Business

Director Pryor stated that he was pleased to see the summer occupancy rates report and was considering how that report indicates that we will need to be prepared for the influx of visitors.

6. Financial Matters

a. Long-Range Financial Projection

Ms. Bartnik stated that the facilities team had developed operating revenue and expense projections for each recreation center post-renovation. Mr. Marchetti reviewed those projections and developed a long-range financial projection through 2030 for board information.

Ms. Bartnik shared that staff was exploring ballot question options related to a petition initiative intended to reduce assessment rates if approved by voters in November 2021.

b. Financial Statements

c. Accounts Payable

Ms. Platter shared that she was pleased with how well the staff had developed the budget and projections. Revenues have surpassed expectations and staff is doing a great job of containing spending. Following this great start, expenses will catch up with revenues as summer programs commence. Capital expenses are impacting budget projections, including the early server replacement scheduled in 2022, the software purchase, and the potential to contribute to the lighting project.

Mr. Marchetti stated that there had been a change in the way that the Town of Gypsum operating contribution is illustrated in the financial reports.

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Director Jones asked if the board members had any questions on the financial statements or accounts payable report.

Director Pryor asked what areas of the district's finances should be a focus for the board to assist in managing expectations. Ms. Platter stated that watching outdoor recreation operating revenues and expenses.

Director Jones asked where the Mountain Rec Foundation funds were shown in the financial statements. Ms. Platter stated that those revenues were separate from the district's funds and not included. She stated where other grants received by the district and sponsorship funds were included.

Director Pryor inquired about utilizing Amazon Smile to generate funds. Mr. Robinson suggested that the City Market nonprofit support program would be more beneficial. He added that once the Foundation receives its public charity designation form the IRS, there will be savings on items like Microsoft subscriptions.

Director Curtis moved to approve the financial statements and accounts payable report as presented. Director Pryor seconded the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the financial statements and accounts payable report.

7. Staff Reports

- a. Administration**
- b. Facilities Division**
- c. Recreation Programs Division**

Director Jones stated there are quite a lot of jobs posted for summer. Ms. Olson stated that there are many new staff attending orientation.

8. Reports & Info

Ms. Bartnik asked if there were any final comments on the Community Partnership Program before the staff finalized and publicized the program. There were no further suggestions.

Ms. Bartnik stated that staff would be working with Senator Bennet's office on seeking federal funding for the proposed capital projects. A letter of support would be drafted.

Ms. Owens stated that staff had considered the board's desire to recognize volunteers. She shared the plan for recognizing volunteer coaches. She asked the board if recognizing the Edwards Outdoor Ice Rink volunteer coordinator could receive special recognition at Opening Day. Discussion ensued regarding details of recognition opportunities.

Ms. Owens added that there is a Bonfire banner in the facilities traded for volunteer coach recognition. Director Pryor suggested that consideration be given to how and where alcohol advertising is placed.

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Adjournment

Director Jones moved to adjourn the board meeting. Director Pohl seconded the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm.