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Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District – October 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Directors
Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District
October 20, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on October 20, 2021, at 6:00pm, in the Edwards Field House, 450 Miller Ranch Road, Edwards, 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
- Mike McCormack (attending remotely)
- Mikayla Curtis
- Tom Pohl
- Chris Pryor (attending remotely)

Also in attendance were:

- Janet Bartnik, Executive Director
- Anna Englehart, Superintendent of Recreation Programs
- Scott Robinson, Superintendent of Business Operations
- Scott Ruff, Superintendent of Facilities
- Cat Olson, Human Resources Manager
- Eddie Campos, Marketing and Communications Manager
- Lizzy Owens, Community Engagement Manager
- Alethea Platter, Accounting Manager
- Brad Johnson, Facility Supervisor – Edwards
- Ken Marchetti, Marchetti and Weaver
- Ernest Saeger, Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance

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 October 20, 2021, at 6:01pm, noting a quorum was present to conduct business.

2. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

3. Minutes

Director Pohl moved to approve the September 15, 2021, minutes as presented. Director Curtis seconded the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the September 15, 2021, meeting minutes as presented.

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4. Public Input and Presentations

a. Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance (VVMTA)

Mr. Saeger updated the board on the VVMTA's activities for the past year. He thanked the board for the support provided to the trail organization. Adopt-A-Trail grew to 75 teams responsible for 66 trails and providing 2,841 hours of trail maintenance. The organization's Wildlife Trail Ambassadors program has reduced incidence of violations significantly from its inception in 2017. Youth Trail Stewards are also growing in number. Ellen Miller has recently led a series of four hikes on East Vail Trails.

VVMTA received a Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant that funded a Trail Conservation Crew throughout the summer. The crew provided 4,130 hours of service as of the date of the presentation. The crew built and rerouted trails throughout the valley. Several projects are under environmental review currently and are planned for 2022 construction.

Mr. Saeger shared that the organization will be offering new programs beginning in 2022. In partnership with Eagle Valley Behavioral Health, guided hikes and rides, outside challenges, and other programs will be offered to improve community physical and mental health. Program launch is planned for May.

The organization has kicked off a new Trails Hall of Fame in 2021 with four inductees for its inaugural year.

Director Jones asked about volunteer retention within the programs. Mr. Saeger stated that volunteer retention is very high. The organization is looking at both recruiting new volunteers and implementing programs designed to support retention.

Director Jones asked what the biggest challenge for VVMTA was. Mr. Saeger said that the biggest challenge was in saying "no" given the size and age of the organization.

Director Pohl asked how many full-time employees VVMTA has on staff. Mr. Saeger stated that the organization has two full-time staff and six seasonal trail crew members. As the program side begins to grow, he anticipates adding more team members.

Director Curtis asked what Mr. Saeger thought partnership priorities for Mountain Rec would be. He stated that trail stewardship was still the number one priority for VVMTA. He noted that he had been talking to Ms. Bartnik about connecting with programming staff specifically on collaboration with Mountain Rec.

Director McCormack stated that he was familiar with the VVMTA and its work and noted that he was interested in seeing the trail work in Eagle and was also

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curious to know where efforts would be placed in Edwards and Gypsum. Mr. Saeger stated that he was anxious to hear if the board knew of any volunteers who would be able to help grow VVMTA in Gypsum.

Director Jones thanked Mr. Saeger for his presentation. The board shared their appreciation for the work of the organization and their interest in continuing a partnership.

5. Business

a. Other Business

There was none.

6. Financial Matters

a. Financial Statements

b. Accounts Payable

Director Jones asked if there were any questions or comments on the September 30 financials or accounts payable report. Ms. Platter pointed out an expense of \$30,000 in the capital line item for Eagle which reflects a payment for the cooling tower that will be reimbursed by the Eagle Capital Fund.

Director Jones reminded the board of the difficulty at budget time not knowing what pandemic effects would carry over into FY 2021. She stated she was pleased with the financial position today. Director Pohl concurred.

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

RESOLVED to approve the financial statements and accounts payable report.

c. FY 2022 Recommended Budget Transmittal

Director Jones thanked the staff for their work in developing the proposed budget. She noted that the Board would be adjourning to a work session following the business meeting to review the details included in the FY 2022 recommended budget. She opened the public hearing and asked for anyone present who wished to comment on the budget to come forward.

No public comments were received. Director Jones closed the public hearing.

7. Staff Reports

a. Administration

b. Facilities Division

c. Recreation Programs Division

Director Curtis asked how the candidate visit October 15 went. Ms. Englehart shared that the visit went well. An offer was made and accepted.

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Ms. Owens shared that the joint Eagle County and Mountain Rec grant from NextFifty for a shared position that will focus on senior programming. Director McCormack requested that staff push the news out to the public as quickly as possible.

Director Curtis stated that she was pleased with the Outdoor Rec Map provided to the board outlining future programming.

Ms. Bartnik shared that the County Manager had followed up with staff after the joint session with the County Commissioners to share that the Commissioners were planning to consider a resolution in support of the ballot issue.

8. Reports & Info

Adjournment

Director Pohl moved to adjourn the board meeting to a work session to review the FY 2022 Recommended Budget. Director Jones seconded the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm.