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Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District – February 16, 2022 Meeting Minutes

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Directors
Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District
February 16, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on February 16, 2022, 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
- Mikayla Curtis
- Tom Pohl (attending remotely)
- Chris Pryor (attending remotely)

Also in attendance were:

- Janet Bartnik, Executive Director
- Anna Englehart, Superintendent of Recreation Programs (attending remotely)
- Scott Robinson, Superintendent of Business Operations (attending remotely)
- Scott Ruff, Superintendent of Facilities
- Eddie Campos, Marketing and Communications Manager (attending remotely)
- Lizzy Owens, Community Engagement Manager
- Brad Johnson, Facility Supervisor – Edwards
- Sheryl Staten, Facility Supervisor – Eagle (attending remotely)
- Rachel Zacher, Program Supervisor – Camps and Seniors (attending remotely)
- Mia Richter, Seniors Consultant (attending remotely)
- Watts Austen, Edwards Facility Coordinator
- Ken Marchetti, Marchetti and Weaver
- Todd Goulding, Goulding Development Advisors (attending remotely)
- Dave Bishop, Vail Mountaineers Hockey Club
- Justin Bradshaw, Vail Mountaineers Hockey Club
- Kevin Sharkey, Vail Mountaineers Hockey Club
- Seth Levy
- Kris Miller (attending remotely)
- Joanna Kerwin (attending remotely)
- Tracy Erickson
- Eric Eves (attending remotely)

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 February 16, 2022, at 6:01pm, noting a quorum was present to conduct business.

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2. Changes to the Agenda

There were none.

3. Minutes

Two non-substantive changes were made to the minutes. Director Curtis moved to approve the January 19, 2022 minutes as amended. Director McCormack seconded the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the January 19, 2022 meeting minutes as amended.

4. Public Input and Presentations

Ms. Zacher introduced new employee Mia Richter to the Board. Ms. Richter has a position shared with Eagle County Healthy Aging. She plans to assess needs in older adult programming and to produce a programming plan for the District in 2022.

Mr. Johnson introduced new employee Watts Austen. Mr. Austen will serve as the Facility Coordinator in Edwards, assisting with facility operations indoors in the field house and outdoors at the Freedom Park and Eagle Sports Complexes.

Director Jones invited Vail Mountaineers Hockey Club representatives to share their presentation. Club members shared their interest in building a second sheet of ice in Eagle in the first phase of the All Access Rec program. Representatives stated that they felt the ice sheet could be accomplished at less cost. They offered for the Club to bring funds to assist in the cost of construction if the project was accelerated. Next steps identified included discussions of construction costs with the District's owner's representative and fundraising feasibility.

Director Jones asked for anyone from the public wishing to share comments with the board to do so at this time. She asked members of the public to limit their comments to three minutes or less.

Kris Miller (Edwards) stated that she was disappointed that the online calculator only calculated the increase in contribution of the taxpayer for the capital projects stating that it should include both the existing levy and the increase. She stated that she felt the requirement to sign up for the Town Hall is cumbersome. She asked what insurance company carries cyber insurance coverage for the District. She stated that the board had indicated that it did not want to wait until November because there was a chance of the Regional Transit Authority ballot question to be on the November ballot, and disagreed that would happen. She requested to see written authorizations for the \$6 million in partner funding, written authorizations for land use, and ballot language proposed as of this meeting by the end of the day tomorrow. She requested the board provide a voter list of WECMRD voters.

Joanna Kerwin (Edwards) stated that she felt the ballot is being rushed after hearing the comments from the hockey club. She stated that she would prefer to have ice in

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Edwards. She requested the board consider postponing the measure to November. She agreed with Ms. Miller on the calculator not being transparent and asked that it be updated.

Eric Eves (Eagle) thanked Mountain Rec for the work the District does to provide quality of life amenities in the community. As a hockey player and parent, he appreciated the comments of the club representatives and urged the board to consider including ice in the All Access Rec Program.

Tracy Erickson (Edwards) complimented the strength of the staff team. He appreciated the passion shown by the hockey club. He stated that he felt the board was not being truthful about what projects are included. He urged the board to take their time to truly understand what is needed by the community.

Seth Levy (Gypsum) thanked the board for coming back with something more reasonable to consider. He asked the board to share the ballot language publicly ahead of considering it. The website says that the last levy increase was almost 20 years ago and paid off ten years early. He asked if this was intended to be related to the current issue. He asked if the details of the in-district / out-of-district rate structure would be made public prior to the election.

Director Jones invited Ms. Owens to present information on Community Engagement activities. Ms. Owens provided updates on program sponsorships, other advertising opportunities to be activated, dashers and banners, Opening Day, Outdoor Movie Series, new events including a volunteer celebration and community cultural celebration, grants, and the Mountain Rec Foundation.

5. Business

a. Town of Eagle Staff Use of Eagle Pool and Ice Rink

Ms. Staten stated that Town of Eagle employees have been afforded complimentary summer pool passes for many years. The Town is preparing a brochure outlining staff benefits and desires to include this as an employee perk. This complimentary use of facilities is not referenced in the intergovernmental agreement governing construction and operation of the facility. Staff requests formal consideration of the practice.

Director Jones asked what the Town of Gypsum staff are afforded for use of the Gypsum Rec Center. Mr. Ruff stated that Town of Gypsum staff are afforded memberships to the Gypsum Rec Center at a 50% discount.

Director Jones had concerns about the difference in the benefits afforded. She felt they should be fair.

Director Pohl stated that the relationships with the Towns should be considered. He felt that the facilities were owned by the Towns and that the Towns supported the facility capital costs.

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Staff noted that the value in dollar of the benefits afforded Town of Eagle and Town of Gypsum staff were similar even though the facilities and usage seasons varied.

Director Pohl moved to offer complimentary family summer pool passes to eligible Town of Eagle full time staff members in 2022. Director Curtis seconded the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to continue to offer complimentary summer pool passes to Town of Eagle full time staff members in 2022.

Staff was directed to ensure this topic returned to a future agenda.

b. Appointments to the Gypsum Recreation Center Advisory Committee

The 2005 Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Gypsum governing construction and operation of the recreation facility calls for the establishment of an advisory committee comprised of three members appointed by the Town and two members appointed by Mountain Rec. The board was asked to appoint two of its members to the advisory committee.

Director Jones moved to appoint Director Curtis and Director McCormack to the Gypsum Recreation Center Advisory Committee. Director Pohl seconded the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to appoint Director Curtis and Director McCormack to the Gypsum Recreation Center Advisory Committee.

Staff from the Town and Mountain Rec have discussed a mid-March kick off meeting for the advisory committee. Town Council appointees have suggested March 10 or 17 in the late afternoon for a kickoff meeting. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the appointees was to set the kickoff meeting for March 10 at 4 pm.

c. Other Business

Director Pohl stated that he tested the online calculator and found it easy to use. He suggested that the amount displayed be annualized in addition to the monthly amount. He stated that he disagreed with earlier comments suggesting that the calculator should include current operating levy.

6. Financial Matters

a. Financial Statements

b. Accounts Payable

Mr. Marchetti summarized the financial reports. He stated that Alethea Platter and Cheri Curtis spent a good amount of time preparing for the FY 2021 audit.

Director Jones asked how the transition period with Ms. Platter's departure was going. Mr. Marchetti stated that Ms. Platter had agreed to continue to process payables. Ms. Olson had agreed to process payroll. There is some concern

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about the hiring climate today that will present challenges in getting someone onboard in a reasonable time.

Director Jones asked if there were any questions or comments on the January 31 financials or accounts payable report.

Director Pohl stated that he appreciated the challenges staff and Mr. Marchetti will be facing. He noted that revenues for January were higher than budgeted and expenses were lower than budgeted. He asked about the \$28 in revenue for the administration division. Mr. Marchetti explained that was interest income.

Director Jones asked about the timing of Town of Gypsum operating reimbursement. Ms. Bartnik stated that payment of the reimbursement generally followed the annual audit.

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

RESOLVED to approve the financial statements and accounts payable report.

c. Capital Equipment Purchases

i. Mowers

Mr. Ruff presented information regarding the procurement process followed for the purchase of two mowers funded with the FY 2022 budget. The capital equipment identified was funded in the amount of \$35,000. Staff received the lowest and best bid from Potestio Brothers Berthod Motors in the amount of \$19,696 for the two mowers.

Director Pryor asked if the mowers were truly needed given the amount of turf now in place. Mr. Ruff stated that the mowers are used at the Eagle Pool and Ice Rink in addition to the Sports Complexes.

Director Curtis asked if there were any other equipment purchases planned for the funding approved. Mr. Ruff stated that those two mowers were the only two items planned for FY 2022.

Director Pohl moved to approve the purchase of two mowers from Potestio Brothers Berthod Motors in the amount of \$19,696. Director Pryor seconded the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the purchase of two mowers from Potestio Brothers Berthod Motors in the amount of \$19,696.

ii. Dumbbells

Mr. Ruff presented information regarding the procurement process followed for the purchase of fitness equipment funded with the FY 2022 budget. The capital equipment identified was funded in the amount of \$17,410. Staff received three bids for the equipment. Staff recommended purchasing the fitness equipment from Advanced Exercise Equipment in the amount of \$17,065.59 because of the

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strong history of service provided by Advanced Exercise, the alignment of brands of equipment to that previously purchased, and the opportunity to deliver customized dumbbells to the Gypsum facility.

Director Pryor stated that he did not understand the need to purchase dumbbells with logos at a significantly higher price as compared to other bids. Director Jones agreed.

Director Curtis suggested that the board could ask staff to request the cost for dumbbells without logos to be able to compare pricing.

Director Jones suggested the Board table the purchase of fitness equipment to receive pricing information on dumbbells without logos to the March board business meeting. The consensus of the Board was to table consideration of the proposed purchase to the March board meeting.

7. Staff Reports

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

Director Jones asked if there were any questions on staff reports.

Director McCormack stated that board members have few questions on the reports although the Board very much appreciates all the work represented. Director Jones stated that board members read the reports.

Director Pohl stated that there was much value in the reports. He also suggested that everyone give a warm welcome to Rialto Heller.

Director Jones congratulated Megan Carter for being selected for NRPA's 2022 30-Under-30 recognition program.

Director McCormack shared his appreciation for Ms. Carter's approach to mountain biking programs for 2022. Director Pohl added his appreciation for all the Outdoor Recreation programs Ms. Carter is operating.

8. Reports & Info

Adjournment

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

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm.