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Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District – January 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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### **Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District January 17, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on January 17, 2024, at 6:00pm, in the Gypsum Rec 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:

- Jason Cowles (attending remotely)
- Tracy Erickson (attending remotely)
- Joanna Kerwin (attending remotely)
- Tom Pohl (attending remotely)
- Tom Edwards

Also in attendance were:

- Ture Nycum, Executive Director
- Sheryl Staten, Facility Supervisor - Eagle
- Scott Ruff, Superintendent of Recreation Facilities
- Lauren Shively, Facility Supervisor - Gypsum
- Matt Kreutzer, Athletics & Sports Supervisor (attending remotely)
- Miriah Clarke-Postle, Day Camps & Senior Supervisor (attending remotely)
- Eddie Campos, Marketing & Communications Manager
- Brad Johnson, Facilities Supervisor - Edwards
- Sanjok Timilsina, Finance Manager (attending remotely)
- Amy Burford, Administrative Coordinator (attending remotely)
- Anna Englehart, Superintendent of Recreational Programs
- Ken Marchetti, Marchetti and Weaver
- Erin Leach, People & Culture Manager

#### **1. Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District was called to order by Director Erickson on January 17, at 6:01pm, noting a quorum was present to conduct business.

#### **2. Changes to the Agenda**

Mr. Nycum stated that Ms. Sabbach from 110% is sick and her presentation will be rescheduled for the February board meeting.

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### 3. Approval of Minutes

Director Erickson asked the board to consider the December 20, 2023 meeting minutes.

Director Edwards moved to approve the December 20, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Director Cowles seconded the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the December 20, 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

### 4. Public Input

Director Erickson asked for anyone from the public wishing to share comments with the board to do so at this time. Director Pohl joined the meeting via zoom.

### 5. Presentations

#### a. Mountain Recreation Spotlight Award Presentation

The Spotlight Award is an annual monetary award designed to acknowledge the contributions of a Mountain Recreation District full-time employee who has gone above and beyond the everyday scope of their responsibilities, or who has excelled in the execution of a large capital project or programs benefitting the District. Recipients will be awarded a cash bonus and a commemorative Spotlight Award from the Board of Directors. A plaque will be posted in each of Mountain Recreation's signature facilities with the name of the recipient.

Director Erickson presented the Spotlight Award to Ms. Shively for her positive impact at Mountain Recreation. He stated that Ms. Shively has made operational changes to improve efficiency and decrease costs. He explained that Ms. Shively has an inclusive approach to staffing her team and creates a welcoming atmosphere at the Gypsum Recreation Center. The board and staff thanked Ms. Shively for her contributions to Mountain Recreation.

### 6. Business

#### a. Facility Usage at Edwards Field House

Mr. Johnson explained that on September 29, 2023, Vail Health gave Mountain Recreation their official 180-day notice that they would be vacating the rental space in Edwards Field House. Mr. Johnson stated that the staff has started the process of exploring potential uses for the space. Staff convened and discussed internal options within the district with facilities and programs staff. Staff also toured facilities in the state to look at various options that could be offered for the space to leave no stone unturned on the best use of the space. The space at the Edwards Field House currently rented and occupied by Howard Head will be vacated in late March making this space available for other uses. Staff presented three options and asked the board for direction on how to appropriately use this space.

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1. Award a license agreement to another qualifying non-profit or for-profit organization at the Consumer Prices Index.
2. Repurpose the space for Mountain Recreation day camps, after-school programming, and senior programming. This would also include establishing 200 square feet for additional office space. Future consideration of pre-school programming in 2026. Hire design consultants for potential full facility layouts, and programming in 2024.
3. Build a small fitness center.
4. Leave space vacant and plan for use during 2024.

Mr. Johnson reviewed the advantages and disadvantages of each option. He stated that the staff recommends option two. He mentioned the community response to the last survey performed in December 2022, which highlighted court space and a fitness center as top priorities. He explained that the space being considered is not big enough to build a sufficient fitness center or court space. Discussion ensued regarding the upcoming construction of the Eagle County building near the Edwards Field House and its potential impact on office space. Director Edwards asked if the programming space would be a temporary solution while the designated office space would be permanent. Mr. Nycum confirmed that the office space would be permanent while the programming space will be adjusted as needed. Mr. Nycum explained the need for office space across all facilities. He explained that staff would like to bring in a design consultant to evaluate the layout of Edwards Field House for a potential redesign. Director Pohl and Director Kerwin voiced their support for option two. Director Erickson asked for more details about a potential preschool in the Edwards Field House. Mr. Ruff stated that staff viewed a preschool at the Parker Fieldhouse during a facility tour and that further research is needed. Director Erickson shared his concerns with the requirements involved with operating a preschool. Director Edwards requested a cost estimate for the design consultant. Mr. Ruff confirmed that staff will present that in the February board meeting.

Director Edwards moved to approve option two for facility usage at Edwards Field House. Director Kerwin seconded the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve option two for facility usage at Edwards Field House.

**b. Discussion and Feedback on 2024-2028 Strategic Plan**

Mountain Recreation staff has prepared a draft 2024-2028 Strategic Plan and requests feedback from the board on objectives and strategies within the plan. Mr. Nycum presented the strategic plan outlined in the board packet. Director Erickson complimented the new format of the strategic plan. The board members individually expressed support for the presented strategic plan but

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requested more time to review it. They agreed to email Mr. Nycum their feedback after their reviews. Mr. Nycum requested the feedback to be provided within the following two weeks.

**c. Other Business**

**7. Financial Matters**

**a. Financial Statements**

**b. Accounts Payable**

Mr. Timilsina corrected his statement from the December meeting and stated there is no penalty for cashing in CDs before their maturity date. Mr. Timilsina explained that the financials presented are preliminary because he has not yet completed the year-end process. He shared that six full-time positions have been filled in recent months. He explained that expenditures were favorable to the budget, primarily due to open positions throughout the year.

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

RESOLVED to approve the financial statements and accounts payable report.

**8. Staff Reports**

**a. Administration**

Mr. Campos mentioned that slightly over 500 responses were gathered from the Eagle pool project survey in December and briefly discussed the top amenities that the community desires.

**b. Facilities Division**

Mr. Ruff mentioned that the facility supervisors organized a successful food and coat drive over the holiday season.

**c. Recreation Programs Division**

Ms. Englehart stated that aquatics is fully staffed, and the department is preparing to expand aquatic programming and pool hours.

**d. Eagle Pool Replacement Project Update**

Mr. Ruff explained that the staff is working towards picking the final pool features that will be included in the Eagle pool project. Director Cowles asked about the timeline of the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant. Mr. Nycum confirmed that staff anticipate the results in March.

**9. Reports & Board Communication**

Mr. Nycum gave a brief outline of the Mountain Recreation Foundation board meeting.

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### **10. Executive Session**

Director Erickson moved to go into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(e) to develop negotiating positions regarding the potential of an outside recreation district providing a hockey rink within Mountain Recreation. Director Cowles seconded the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to enter executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(e) to develop negotiating positions regarding the potential of an outside recreation district providing a hockey rink within Mountain Recreation at 7:06 pm. Director Cowles seconded the motion.

### **11. Adjournment**

Director Erickson moved to adjourn the board meeting. Director Cowles seconded the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm.