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Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District – October 16, 2024, Meeting Minutes

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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
of the Board of Directors  
Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District  
October 16, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on October 16, 2024, 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:

- Tracy Erickson
- Joanna Kerwin
- Tom Edwards
- Jason Cowles
- Tom Pohl

Also, in attendance were:

- Ture Nycum, Executive Director
- Scott Ruff, Superintendent of Recreation Facilities
- Zyanya Rodriguez, Marketing & Community Engagement Coordinator
- Anna Englehart, Superintendent of Recreational Programs
- Erin Leach, People & Culture Manager
- Brad Johnson, Facility Supervisor
- Sanjok Timilsina, Finance Director
- Ken Marchetti
- John-Michael Liles

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

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District was called to order by Director Cowles on October 16, at 6:00pm, noting a quorum was present to conduct business.

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

None

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

Director Cowles asked the board to consider the September 18, 2024, meeting minutes.

Director Cowles suggested some changes to be made to the September meeting minutes. Mr. Nycum mentioned that the meeting minutes will be reviewed, corrected and presented for approval at November Board meeting.

### **4. Public Input**

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Director Edwards shows concern about the Gypsum Recreation Center punch pass expiring at year end. He suggested that there shouldn't be an expiration date on something that was paid for, and the district should provide enough time for people to use it.

### 5. Presentations

None

### 6. Business

#### a. Approve Engagement Letter with Marchetti and Weaver, LLC for Election Services

Mr. Timilsina presented the Engagement letter from Marchetti and Weaver LLC to provide election services to the district. In 2023 the election was conducted by in-house staff. Current staff do not have experience and necessary time to conduct an election.

Mr. Timilsina mentioned that staff reached out to several people who provide an election service in our area, including the District's attorney who stated that they don't have the capacity to provide this service in 2025. One individual stepped up to conduct the election but would not be the Designated Election Official.

Mr. Timilsina also mentioned that Marchetti and Weaver, LLC has provided a Letter of Engagement to run the May 2025 Board election for Mountain Recreation and serve as the Designated Election Official (DEO). They are one of the few firms with experience in special districts elections and have handled several of Mountain Recreation's past elections.

Director Pohl commented that he is grateful that these services are still being offered.

Director Pohl moved to approve the engagement letter with Marchetti and Weaver Director Kerwin seconded the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the engagement letter of Marchetti and Weaver LLC to provide election services.

#### b. Approve Funding to Support Development Efforts of Eagle Valley Ice and Events

During the Foundation Board meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup>, Laurie Mullen from EVIE presented a fundraising plan to raise approximately \$3 million. The Foundation board approved a motion recommending that the Mountain Recreation Board allocate \$10,000 from the Foundations fund for this initiative. Despite this funding, there will still be enough money to continue the \$25,000 Youth Scholarship program over the next two years.

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Mr. Nycum talked about working with the county and various groups to develop and help have a second sheet of ice. John-Michael Liles from EVIE was present to answer any question that the Board has.

Mr. Nycum talked about the timeline and work needed to be completed for the project. All the stakeholders are hoping to have ice by November 2025.

Director Cowles make a motion per the Mountain Recreation Foundation's recommendation to contribute \$10,000 of the Mountain Rec Foundation funds to the Eagle Valley Ice and Events group for their fundraising efforts. Director Pohl seconded the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve funding to support fundraising efforts of Eagle Valley Ice and Events.

#### **c. Proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Budget**

Director Erickson opened the budget hearing process for 2025 budget.

Director Erickson closed the budget hearing process for 2025 budget.

Mr. Timilsina mentioned that a balanced budget is presented for fiscal year 2025. The balanced budget meets all legal obligations mandated by federal, state, and local laws. It is set forth as the financial plan and operations guide used to communicate to the citizens of Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District. The revenue under expenditure proposed for fiscal year 2025 is \$1,458,762 which includes \$3,116,757 capital expenditures. The ending total fund balance is projected to be \$4,973,660. There will be a detailed budget discussion during the Budget work session.

#### **d. Discussion on the Edwards Field House Programming Efforts and Hours of Operations**

Mr. Johnson gave a presentation about the Edwards Fieldhouse. He mentioned key facility rental groups, including La Liga Soccer, VVSC, Youth Power 365, and Eagle County Schools. The facility's hours vary by season based on the programs offered.

Mr. Johnson emphasized that our affordable memberships encourage community involvement. The Market Report shows a 1% increase in participation among ages 65-85 from 2018 to 2023.

Mr. Johnson noted the facility has flexible hours for special events and large groups. He also provided details about seasonal hours. He discussed upcoming renovations for the Edwards Field House, including an expanded sports court,

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trampoline center, climbing wall, and outdoor storage. He also addressed mid-day hours post-renovation, which will be limited but will allow for programming and public use, along with night and weekend availability.

Director Kerwin asked about when phase 1 will start for renovation. Mr. Johnson shared that it could be up to a 10-month time frame by the time a public meeting was held, construction documents were prepared, a contractor was selected and construction was done. Mr. Nycum added that the goal is to do it during a slow time of the year and staff is currently looking at a August through September time frame for construction, as this is typically a slow time for facility usage.

Director Kerwin stated that the Edwards Field House should have an extended hour. She believes this extended schedule will allow individuals to make the most of the facility and participate in activities at their convenience throughout the day.

Director Erickson suggested having different activities open at certain times so people could enjoy activities.

Director Pohl included how the Gypsum Recreation Center and the Avon Recreation Center have public time hours in their websites. And suggested that the Edwards Field House should have that.

Director Kerwin thanked Mr. Johnson for an excellent presentation.

**e. Set a Board Retreat Date for the FY 2025 Budget**

Mr. Nycum confirmed the meeting date and time for the Budget work session. It is currently set for Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9 AM at Gypsum Recreation Center. All the Board members except Director Cowles accepted the meeting. Director Cowles requested a separate meeting with Mr. Nycum and Mr. Timilsina to discuss the 2025 budget.

**f. Other Business**

**7. Financial Matters**

**a. Financial Summary**

**b. Financial Statements**

**c. Accounts Payable**

Mr. Timilsina presented the financials as of September 2024.

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

RESOLVED to approve the financial statements and accounts payable report.

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### **8. Staff Reports**

- a. Administration**
- b. Facilities Division**
- c. Recreation Programs Division**
- d. Mountain Recreation Capital Projects - Update**

### **9. Reports & Board Communication**

None at this time.

### **10. Adjournment**

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

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 pm.

*The next regular meeting of the Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District Board will be held Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 6:00pm in the Gypsum Recreation Center.*