
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District – February 19, 2025, Meeting Minutes

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Directors
Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District
February 19, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on February 19, 2025, 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
- Anna Englehart, Superintendent of Recreation Programs
- Zyanya Rodriguez, Marketing & Community Engagement Coordinator
- Erin Leach, People & Culture Manager
- Sanjok Timilsina, Finance Director
- Jamie Wilson, Marketing and Community Engagement Manager
- Sheryl Staten, Facility Supervisor
- Jared Biniecki, Dobson Ice Arena Director
- Laurie Barnes
- Katie Santambrogio, Social Impact Collaborative
- Luca Santambrogio, Vail Mountaineers Hockey Player

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 February 19, at 6:01 pm, noting a quorum was present to conduct business.

2. Changes to the Agenda

None

3. Approval of Minutes

Director Edwards asked the board to consider January 15, 2025, meeting minutes.

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Director Pohl moved to approve the January 15, 2025, meeting minutes as presented.
Director Cowles seconded the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the January 15, 2025, meeting minutes as presented.

4. Public Input

Mr. Nycum introduced Jamie Wilson, who recently joined Mountain Recreation as our Marketing and Community Engagement Manager. She has been with us for about four weeks and is already having a positive impact.

5. Presentations

None

6. Business

a. Update on Expo Center / Ice Arena Project

Ms. Santambrogio explained that she has been working with—and was hired by—the Ice Users Community, which consists of various organizations, including the Vail Mountaineer Hockey Club, Vail Skate Club, and other ice user groups. She helped establish a community focused on organizing a private fundraising campaign to support a project at the fairgrounds to include ice.

Ms. Santambrogio stated that she met with different organizations to discuss the possibility of creating an ice rink within a future Expo Center at the Fairgrounds, which would provide additional ice time for the community. Since then, significant progress has been made, including planning and reviewing the structure. The new plan is more cost-effective than the one previously considered by the county.

The county has outlined a phased plan for the project. The first phase, estimated at \$18 million, includes the ice rink, bleachers, and restrooms for the community. The second phase will add a pro shop, meeting rooms, etc. The third phase will involve the construction of a second floor. Eagle County has committed \$5 million, and Mountain Recreation has pledged \$1 million and fundraising efforts have raised approximately \$1.5 million toward the project. The goal is to raise an additional \$5.6 million through a private fundraiser.

Additional funding may come from Mountain Recreation, as well as potential additional contributions from Eagle County, the Town of Avon, Town of Eagle, and Town of Vail. Ms. Santambrogio on behalf of the Ice User Group community made a request for an additional \$1 million from Mountain Recreation.

b. Update on the Gypsum Creek Recreation Area Master Plan

Mr. Nycum provided an update on ongoing discussions with the Town of Gypsum regarding the Gypsum Creek Recreation Area Master Plan update and the potential for Splash Pad project at the Gypsum Recreation Center. Initial concepts include adding pickleball courts, renovating and adding to the Golf Course Club House, and rebuilding an Outdoor Pool in Gypsum Creek

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Recreation Area. However, through discussions, including a public meeting hosted by the Town of Gypsum, improvements and possible relocation of the Gypsum Recreation Center's aquatics area were explored, namely moving the aquatics amenities from the Gypsum Creek Recreation Area to the Gypsum Recreation Center in the form of a Splash Pad and Plaza area.

Mr. Nycum presented some sample concepts of the project plans developed by the Town of Gypsum and their architect, Barker, Rinker, Seacat. There is ongoing consideration about where the best use of space and resources for aquatic amenities should be. Additional community input will be solicited.

He noted that the total estimated cost to rebuild an Outdoor Pool is \$10.9 million and the cost of the splash pad project is \$4.9 million, potentially saving the town \$6 million. The Town of Gypsum is currently reviewing whether the project would benefit the community and should receive funding.

The update to the master plan is set for completion in April, with a potential election on the project in November 2025, if community feedback indicates support.

c. Approve Agreement with OLC for the Edwards Field House Renovation, Phase 1

Mr. Nycum shared that the Edwards Field House, opened in 2010, is now 15 years old, prompting Mountain Recreation to explore renovation options due to public feedback and changing programming needs. In early 2024, the Board of Directors hired Ohlson Lavoe Corporation (OLC) Architects to prepare concept plans for a potential remodel. The final concept, approved in December 2024, includes three phases to be completed as funding allows.

Mr. Nycum introduced Phase 1, estimated to cost \$1,199,100 and scheduled for Fall 2025, which includes the following upgrades, hardwood floors for 2 volleyball courts, 1 large basketball courts (and 2 youth cross-courts), and 4 pickleball courts with a divider curtain, repurposed trampolines within the gymnastics center, a relocated and renovated climbing tower and wall; a storage room for outdoor programs; offices and storage for gymnastics and day camp staff, and a renovated front desk to improve building flow.

Mr. Nycum explains that staff have been working with OLC on the renovation agreement, which phase 1 consists of four sub-phases: Design Development, Construction Documentation, Bidding and Permitting Assistance, and Construction Observation. Phase 1 of this agreement is set at \$32,480, with the overall cost estimated at approximately \$100,000. It was stressed that the agreement is only for Phase 1 and future phases could be designed by architects other than OLC.

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Director Cowles moved to approve the Design Services Agreement with OLC for Phase 1 of the Edwards Field House Renovation. Director Kerwin seconded the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the Design Services Agreement with OLC for Phase 1 of the Edwards Field House Renovation.

d. Other Business

Mr. Nycum thanked Director Kerwin and Director Edwards for joining our all-staff meeting, including part-time staff. He expressed appreciation for their participation and emphasized that all employees are valued and appreciated.

7. Financial Matters

a. Financial Summary

b. Financial Statements

c. Accounts Payable

Mr. Timilsina presented the financials of January 2025 YTD. Mr. Timilsina reported that as of January 2025, operating expenditure is \$111,155 under budget, representing 8% of the annual budget. Capital expenditure is \$1,800 below budget. Revenues are at 4% of the yearly projection, favorable by \$4,200. The district has not yet received property taxes for 2025, and a more detailed analysis will be done later in the year.

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

RESOLVED to approve the financial statements and accounts payable report.

8. Staff Reports

a. Administration

b. Facilities Division

c. Recreation Programs Division

9. Reports & Board Communication

None at this time.

10. Adjournment

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

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District Board will be held Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 6:00pm in the Gypsum Recreation Center.