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## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District – January 21, 2025, Meeting Minutes

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### **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District January 21, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on January 21, 2025, at 6:00 pm, in the Gypsum Recreation Center, 52 Lundgren Blvd, Gypsum, CO 81637, and via Zoom platform, in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado.

#### **Attendance**

The following Directors were present and acting:

- Joanna Kerwin
- Tom Edwards
- Tom Pohl
- Jerry Santoro (Excused Absence)
- Mark Weinreich

Also, in attendance were:

- Scott Ruff, Superintendent of Recreation Facilities
- Erin Leach, People & Culture Manager
- Jamie Wilson, Marketing & Community Engagement Manager
- Karen Murphy, Finance Manager
- Lauren Saunders, Facility Supervisor
- Michael Graff, Facility Coordinator
- Brad Johnson, Facility Supervisor
- Anna Englehart, Superintendent of Recreation Programs
- Rich Neumann, Berry & Dunn (via Zoom)

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

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District was called to order by Director Edwards on January 21 at 6:00 p.m., noting that a quorum was present to conduct business.

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

None

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

Director Edwards asked the board to consider the minutes from the December 17, 2025, meeting minutes.

Director Weinreich moved to approve the December 17, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. Director Kerwin seconded the motion. It was unanimously

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RESOLVED to approve the December 17, 2025, meeting minutes as presented.

#### 4. Public Input

#### 5. Presentations

#### 6. Business

##### a. Update on the Mountain Recreation Comprehensive Master Planning Process

Mr. Nycum presented background about the beginning stages of the Master Plan process that will be completed by BerryDunn. Rich Neumann was present via zoom and introduced himself and presented the planning timeline and process. BerryDunn will be reviewing strategic plans, processes, budgets and will have a lot of community engagement to complete the master plan. The master plan will provide Mountain Recreation with a vision and plan for the future.

Mr. Neumann gave a brief overview of the process which includes multiple phases: discovery, engagement, analysis, visioning, finalization, and implementation. Mr. Neumann walked through each phase and explained the detailed steps involved. He emphasized that community input is a key part of the process and that residents' voices truly matter. The project timeline is estimated at 12 months, but the team hopes to complete it in closer to 10 months if possible.

The project kickoff will take place on-site and will include staff, Board, and leadership partner agencies. Mr. Neumann shared examples of engagement materials, including campaign themes such as "Play, Grow, Thrive Together," along with flyers, yard signs, and business cards designed to help spread awareness throughout the community. When Director Weinreich asked who would be involved in the process, Mr. Nycum shared a list of community organizations that will be participating.

##### b. Review and provide feedback on a Strategic Work Plan that directs staff activities

Mr. Nycum explained that he has been meeting with staff and reviewing the Strategic Plan to see where efforts have been focused and how the plan is being used. He shared that the original goals from the strategic plan were reviewed to make sure the organization is moving in the right direction. Many of these goals have already turned into services and facility improvements that benefit the community and help Mountain Recreation operate more effectively.

Board members provided some feedback and further clarification on some specific action items, including strengthening engagement with our Spanish speaking communities and employee housing as well as recommending staff relook at target / completion dates and KPI's to set realistic expectations.

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**c. Review and approve the 2026 Board Meeting Schedule**

Mr. Nycum provides the Board meeting schedule, including regular meetings and proposed Board retreat dates, to give the Board, staff, and community a clear calendar for Mountain Recreation business.

Director Pohl made a motion to approve the 2026 Annual Schedule of Board Meetings for Mountain Recreation. Director Weinreich seconded the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the Mountain Recreation’s 2026 Board Meeting Schedule.

**d. Other Business**

Staff gave a quick update on discussions they continue to have on the Rodeo Rink with Eagle County and the Vail Mountaineers Hockey Club (VMHC). Staff reported on a tour they had of the Rodeo Rink by VMHC where they were able to observe the facility operations and ask questions. VMHC indicated that they would like to see the Rodeo Rink operated in the 2026 / 2027 season by Mountain Recreation. They indicated they would want to arrange a similar agreement that was created for this year’s operations between Eagle County and Vail Recreation District (VRD) and VMHC. Mountain Recreation would replace VRD in the agreement and would be able to operate a facility that is set up and ready to go for the season, including the tent, boards, etc.

Staff also meet with Eagle County staff to discuss the opportunity of keeping the tent structure up the entire year. Eagle County is working on a plan and cost to fire suppress to facility (including the permanent structure next to the tent) and obtaining necessary permits which would then allow the tent structure to stay up and save costs.

Lastly, staff shared social media engagement on low water pressure and shower heads at its facilities.

**7. Financial Matters**

**a. Financial Summary**

**b. Financial Statements**

**c. Accounts Payable**

Ms. Murphy presented the financials of December 2025 YTD.

Ms. Murphy presented that as of December 2025, the General Fund is in a strong financial position. Spending is under budget, mainly because \$1 million set aside for ice costs was not used, and total expenses are still expected to remain within budget. Revenue has also exceeded expectations, with higher income in some areas balancing out lower income in others.

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Director Pohl motioned to approve the presented financial statements and accounts payable report. Director Kerwin 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

Director Kerwin gives a big shout-out to the Edwards Field House for their grand opening, which was impressive and drew a lot of attention. Mr. Johnson explained that it was great, and there are a lot of folks playing pickleball and enjoying the new court system.

### 9. Reports & Board Communication

### 10. Adjournment

Director Weinreich moved to adjourn the board meeting. Director Kerwin seconded the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm.

*The next regular meeting of the Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District Board will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the Edwards Field House.*