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Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District – April 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Of the Board of Directors  
Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District  
April 21, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on April 21, 2021, 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
- Mikayla Curtis (attending remotely)
- Tom Pohl
- Mike McCormack (attending remotely)

Director Pryor was absent and excused.

Also in attendance were:

- Janet Bartnik, Executive Director
- Scott Robinson, Superintendent of Business Operations
- Cat Olson, Human Resources Manager
- Eddie Campos, Marketing and Communications Manager
- Lizzy Owens, Community Engagement Manager
- Brad Johnson, Facility Supervisor – Edwards Field House
- Lauren Shively, Facility Supervisor – Gypsum Recreation Center
- Tarah Waters, Outdoor Recreation Coordinator
- Ken Marchetti, Marchetti and Weaver
- Todd Goulding, Goulding Development Advisors
- Todd Williams, Edwards Metro District
- Bill Ray, W-R Communications

### **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 April 21, 2021, at 6:00pm, noting a quorum was present to conduct business.

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

Director Jones indicated that Mr. Robinson would be introducing a new staff member.

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### 3. Minutes

Director Curtis noted that she had shared non-substantive corrections to the minutes with Ms. Bartnik ahead of the meeting. Director Curtis moved to approve the March 17, 2021 minutes as amended. Director Jones seconded the motion. With a vote of 3-0-1, with Director McCormack abstaining due to March meeting absence, the board

RESOLVED to approve the March 17, 2021, meeting minutes as amended.

### 4. Public Input and Presentations

There were no members of the public present to speak to the board on matters not included in the agenda.

#### a. Miller Ranch Lighting Project Participation Request

Ms. Bartnik stated that Todd Williams, Edwards Metro District was present to request the board's consideration of participation in the funding of pedestrian path lighting project along Miller Ranch Road in Edwards. The lighting project includes a section of the road on the north side of Freedom Park. Mr. Williams indicated that the project was suggested through a Family Leadership Training Institute project. Mr. Williams asked that the board contribute \$20,000 each year for the next three years toward the first phase of the dark skies compliant project which will cost \$1.2 million over three phases.

Director Jones asked if the Edwards Metro District owned the property. Mr. Williams stated that Eagle County owned the right-of-way. She asked if the County had been involved in the project. Mr. Williams stated that Eagle County staff had been assisting with the design of the project.

Director Curtis asked who else the District is soliciting. Mr. Williams stated that Colorado Mountain College had been approached and committed funding. Eagle County, Berry Creek Metro District, Eagle County School District, and other adjacent property owners were or would be approached to participate.

On behalf of Director Pryor, Ms. Bartnik asked if the lighting project included extra fixtures that could point light at the fields adjacent to the pathway to increase safety in the park. Mr. Williams stated that he was not aware of lighting being included at this point. He had concerns over dark skies compliance and design review board oversight for that request.

Director McCormack asked if there would be interruptions to field use or parking lot access during the project. He suggested that this project could potentially fit within a future capital project.

Ms. Bartnik stated that any motion to contribute funds should include legally required TABOR language subjecting future fiscal year contributions to annual appropriations processes.

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Director Curtis asked for the timeline for phases of the project. The goal is to begin phase one in FY 2021 and for future phases to follow.

Director Jones thanked Mr. Williams for his presentation.

Director Jones asked Mr. Robinson to introduce Ms. Waters, new employee in the Outdoor Recreation Department. Ms. Waters will serve as a seasonal full-time professional for outdoor recreation.

**b. Polling Information and Next Steps**

Mr. Ray provided polling survey results to the board. Results from both the statistically valid poll and the online survey were shared and compared against each other. Observations drawn from the results were shared. There is a positive community perception and mood toward Mountain Rec. Half of respondents believe the district handles taxpayer dollars well. Net Promoter Score and other data tell us: “To know Mountain Rec is to support Mountain Rec.” Community members need more information and engagement about Mountain Rec’s importance to the community and the benefits of this proposal. Respondents are concerned about the overall price tag of the Mountain Rec proposal, especially as people continue to struggle with COVID-19 pandemic and concerns about cost of living in Eagle County. The District should consider reinforcing its role in helping the community through pandemic. Passage may increase if the project is scaled down in cost.

Features to highlight are improvements to biking and hiking trailheads, including restrooms and other amenities, and spaces for services such as physical therapy, mental health counseling, and support groups. Messaging should remind voters that recreation and exercise play an important role in individual and community health and wellbeing; and Mountain Recreation wants to provide equitable access to all community members, in a population that has nearly doubled, through an affordable district-wide pass.

Director McCormack thanked Mr. Ray for his presentation. He asked how we are measuring sentiment going forward. Mr. Ray suggested that if the District were to continue working on the education and information dissemination, a tablet-based survey could be used to collect feedback. Additionally, a late summer survey could be used to measure voter sentiment again.

Director McCormack asked when the decision to place a question on the ballot had to be determined. Mr. Ray stated that the statutory deadline to place an issue on the ballot is September 7.

Director Pohl stated that he appreciated having the insights shared. He asked what the next steps of the board might be. Ms. Bartnik stated that she agreed with the suggested direction shared by Mr. Ray to put in the work to tell the story

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of the projects and retest public sentiment in August. Mr. Robinson stated that he thought it was important to get the board's commitment to moving forward given that there is cost to publicizing information about the projects proposed. Mr. Ray reinforced the suggested direction with a comparison to a 2018 bond issue in the Roaring Fork Valley that parallels the situation faced by the District.

Director Jones stated that board members know the projects are needed. She feels that the statistics were impressive given that there was very little information in the public at this time.

Director Jones thanked Mr. Ray for his presentation. She stated that the board would work with staff to develop next steps at a future work session.

### 5. Business

#### a. Eagle Sports Complex Construction Project Acceptance

Mr. Goulding stated that the District's Eagle Sports Complex construction project's General Contractor, RA Nelson, had achieved substantial completion of the project and received a temporary certificate of occupancy. Landscaping and irrigation were outstanding requirements to receive the final certificate of occupancy. The board was asked to formally accept the project, a semi-legal action initiating project closeout which allows staff to release the project retainage to RA Nelson. Mr. Goulding shared a summary report on the project and project budget.

Director Jones stated that she appreciated Mr. Goulding's management of the project and the general contractor's work.

Mr. Marchetti asked Mr. Goulding about project close out publication requirements. Mr. Goulding stated that he would be managing project close out requirements needed prior to final payout issuance.

Director Pohl moved to accept the Eagle Sports Complex Construction Project. Director Jones seconded the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to accept the Eagle Sports Complex Construction Project.

#### b. Community Partnership Grant Program Applications

Ms. Bartnik stated that one non-profit in the community has requested financial assistance through the program this quarter. The board was asked to consider a \$3,000 cash support request from Vail Valley Soccer Club (VVSC) to fund coaches travel to the College ID Camp scheduled June 12, 2021. A request for funding the same program in 2020 was approved by the board in the amount of \$3,000 but the camp was cancelled due to the pandemic and funds were not issued to the Vail Valley Soccer Club.

Director Curtis stated that she concurred with the staff recommendation in the action report to grant \$1,500 to VVSC for the program.

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Director Pohl stated that he felt that it should be considered that the request was approved in 2020 at \$3,000 and not disbursed. He stated that the amount should not be reduced given the impacts of the pandemic on players seeking college experiences.

Director Pohl moved to approve \$3,000 cash contribution to the VVSC's College ID Camp for 2021. Director McCormack seconded. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve \$3,000 cash contribution to the VVSC's College ID Camp for 2021.

**c. McCoy Wildcats Park Maintenance Services Agreement**

Ms. Bartnik stated that staff has worked with nonprofit McCoy Wildcats for the past few years to manage the maintenance and operations of the Colorado State Land Board property located between McCoy and Bond leased to Mountain Rec for use as a park. The maintenance services agreement has been reviewed by staff and the contractor and is presented for reauthorization.

Director Curtis stated that she had asked legal counsel to share an opinion on several terms. After review of three items, legal counsel recommended a change to the second term listed under the "Operator Alterations" section to read, "shall remain the sole property of the Colorado State Board of Land Commissioners and/or the District in accordance with the terms of its lease, and the Operator shall have no right, title, or interest therein" since the term, as written, did not accurately reflect ownership of the property.

Director Curtis moved to approve the McCoy Wildcats Park Maintenance Services Agreement as amended. Director McCormack seconded the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the McCoy Wildcats Park Maintenance Services Agreement as amended.

**d. Community Partnership Grant Program – Proposed Revisions**

Ms. Bartnik stated that staff had drafted a grant program outline based on the February work session of the board. She asked for the board to share feedback as to whether the draft proposed accurately reflected their direction and discussion.

Director Curtis asked for clarification on the implementation of the revised program and if applications should be paused until that time. Director Jones suggested starting the new program with the new fiscal year. Director Pohl stated that he thought keeping the existing program available through the end of this year would be good for organizations who might have been considering submitting an application in quarter three or four. Director Curtis asked that staff counsel applicants for quarter four to submit applications under the new guidelines to avoid issues with funding crossing over fiscal years.

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**e. Other Business**

Director Jones directed staff to place the Edwards Metro District's Lighting Project funding request on the May business meeting agenda.

**6. Financial Matters**

**a. Financial Statements**

**b. Accounts Payable**

Director Jones asked if the board members had any questions on the financial statements or accounts payable report. There were none.

Mr. Robinson reported that the issue with CivicRec creating duplicate charges on customer accounts has been temporarily resolved. The software service has put in place a fix that has greatly reduced problems. Their team continues to work to develop a permanent fix. Staff is currently reviewing options for registration software service providers to identify a replacement service provider.

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

RESOLVED to approve the financial statements and accounts payable report.

**7. Staff Reports**

**a. Administration**

**b. Facilities Division**

**c. Recreation Programs Division**

Director Jones stated that she appreciates the work that goes into the staff reports. She felt that there were many good things happening.

Director Pohl was pleased to see the SOS agreement was executed, as was the settlement agreement.

**8. Reports & Info**

Director Pohl stated that the Ascent Team Gymnasts were competing well this meet season. He is pleased to be able to use the Gypsum Recreation Center's track for viewing the competitions.

Ms. Bartnik asked board members to consider how they might be able to help at the Opening Day event. Director Jones requested name tags be provided to board members. Ms. Owens shared the dates of three public open houses in June.

Director McCormack stated that he had visited the new South Suburban facility and was impressed. He suggested that it was worth a visit.

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Director McCormack said that this had been a great meeting and that there was so much good information shared. Ms. Bartnik stated that staff would be available to meet individually with any board members who wanted to talk more about the polling results. Mr. Robinson stated that Mr. Campos had developed an elevator speech to assist with messaging.

### **Adjournment**

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

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 pm.