

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
WESTERN ELMORE COUNTY RECREATION DISTRICT
June 15, 2016 at 5:30PM**

The regular meeting of the Western Elmore County Recreation District was called to order by President Art Nelson at 5:30 p.m. on June 15, 2016, with the following present:

President: Art Nelson
Secretary/Director: Judy Mayne
Treasurer: Judy Erwin

I. Quorum: A quorum was established with both directors present.

II. Director Position

Vice-President Judy Mayne explained the procedure used in filling the directorship vacancy in sub-district III. Both directors had met individually with the four candidates to interview them. The applicants for the position were (alphabetically) Connie Clark, Jane Hodge, Larry Jewett, and Curtis Viall. The two Board members then discussed various qualifications of the candidates. Both directors expressed appreciation to all 4 candidates for their willingness to serve. President Art Nelson made a motion to appoint Connie Clark as the director to represent sub-district III on the WECRD Board. There was more discussion, after which Judy Mayne seconded the motion. With both directors in favor of the motion, the motion passed.

Connie Clark was then sworn into office by the Board Secretary, Judy Mayne, and took her seat.

III. Minutes

Minutes of the regular Board meeting of May 18, 2016 were available for the Board to review. Judy Mayne made a motion to approve the minutes of May 18 as written. The motion was seconded by Art Nelson. A vote was taken with all three members voting in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

IV. Reports

A. Secretary

Judy Mayne reported that she is working on preparing the semi-annual HUD report and the 2009 HUD closeout report.

B. Treasurer

1. Bills: Art Nelson made a motion to pay the bills presented in the amount of \$1,604.24. Judy Mayne seconded the motion. A vote was held with all voting in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

2. Treasurer's Report: Copies of the Treasurer's report of June 14, 2016 were available. Judy Erwin explained parts of the report for the new Director. Judy Mayne made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. A vote was taken with all three voting in favor of the measure, and the report was approved.

3. FY 2016-2017 Budget Proposal:

Treasurer Erwin told the Board members that she had put a very rough draft of a proposal in each of their notebooks for them to review. She needs them to begin thinking of adjustments they want to make in order to have a draft of the proposal prepared for the July meeting. Art Nelson inquired as to the timeline of the budget process. Treasurer Erwin stated that the draft of the budget proposal needs to be approved for publication in July so that it can be turned in to the newspaper the first of August.

V. Legal

President Nelson reported that attorney Crawford is not in attendance due to illness.

VI. Continuing Business

A. Grant Proposals: (Questions and discussions on each previously submitted request.)

1. MHHS Cheer Team

Vice-president Judy Mayne made a motion to fund the MHHS Cheer Team for mats and uniforms in the amount of \$10,857.36. President Nelson provided a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the motion passed.

2. MHHS Wrestling

President Nelson made a motion to grant \$25,751.40 for the purchase of wrestling mats. Director Mayne provided a second. All three directors voted in favor. Motion passed.

3. Mountain Home Skatepark Project

City Councilman Geoff Schroeder addressed the Board on behalf of the City Council. He began by stating that it be put on record that with 4 members (Geoff Schroeder, Richard Urquidi, Jimmy Schipani, and Mark Bryant) of the Council present, it had to be considered a public meeting of the Council. Councilman Schroeder gave a history of the project that has been part of the city's master plan for several years. He emphasized that the Council supports a co-operative effort with the Rec District on this project. Additional comments were made by the other councilmen in support of the Skatepark Project as a part of economic development. Collaboration between the WECRD and city, in general, was seen as beneficial. The Board declined to make a motion at this time.

4. Mountain Home Lady Tigers Basketball

Director Mayne moved that the WECRD grant \$14,310 to the girls' basketball program for the purchase of equipment. The motion was seconded by President Art Nelson. A vote was taken with all 3 directors voting in the affirmative. Motion passed.

5. Summer Feeding Service Program

Lisa Stover-Russell addressed the Board requesting funds for recreational programs and equipment to be used in conjunction with the summer lunch program. President Nelson made a motion to grant St. Vincent de Paul \$11,000 for recreation equipment for the summer lunch program. Director Mayne seconded the motion. All of the directors voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

B. Equipment Request

1. President Nelson reported that the Healing Hearts quilting group had requested that the

District have more tables available (approximately \$100 each). With that request in mind, Art Nelson made a motion to purchase four more 8 foot tables. Judy Mayne seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion, and the motion passed.

VII. New Business

A. Grant Proposals

1. Mountain Home Highland Games and World Fair

Polly Saulls, local resident and member of the Northern Rockies chapter of the Scottish American Athletic Association, addressed the Board requesting funds to help sponsor the Highland Games in Mountain Home in October. Two other members also provided additional information. This will be the third year of this Celtic/multi-cultural event. It has been expanded with classes for children, juniors and adults. Attendees from across the U.S., Canada, and Europe are expected. Safety is a priority and certified judges are required. The coordinators hope to continue to offer this as a free event. There was no action taken at this time.

B. Tim Corder

Mr. Corder was not available to present his proposal to purchase excess building materials.

VII. Public Comment

Comments were made by four members of the public. Some expressed concern regarding the skatepark and funds allocated in support of local sports teams and organizations, but not a clear path to a recreation center. The city council was specifically asked for an update on a master plan to build an indoor pool. Council members stated the city had no plan to build an indoor pool but does plan to make long-term improvements on the existing outdoor pool to extend the life of the pool. Councilman Bryant rescinded his public statement to recall the two elected Directors. He recognizes that the schools have no money for athletics and expressed agreement with the funding provided by the WECRD. He offers his support to the WECRD Directors.

VIII. Adjournment

President Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice-President Mayne seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all three directors voted in favor of adjournment. The motion was passed, and the meeting adjourned at 7:09 P.M.

Judy Mayne, Secretary

Date

APPROVED: _____ as written

_____ as amended

Art Nelson, President

Date