

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WESTERN ELMORE COUNTY RECREATION DISTRICT
January 20, 2016 6:30PM

I. Quorum Pres. Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with two directors present.

DIRECTORS: Art Nelson
Judy Mayne
SECRETARY: Betty Ashcraft
TREASURER: Judy Erwin

MOTION: Pres. Nelson moves to amend the agenda to include the BMX and Mountain Home Arts Council requests. 2nd by Dir. Mayne. Motion passed.

II. Secretary:

A. Minutes: December 16, 2015 Special Board Meeting, January 11, 2016 Special Board Meeting
January 12, 2016 Special Board Meeting

MOTION: Pres. Nelson moves to approve the minutes for December 16, 2016. 2nd by Dir. Mayne. Motion passed.

MOTION: Pres. Nelson moves to approve the minutes for January 11, 2016. 2nd by Dir. Mayne. Motion passed.

MOTION: Pres. Nelson moves to approve the minutes for January 12, 2016. 2nd by Dir. Mayne. Motion passed.

B. Construction Project Report for the Dept. of Commerce - Census Report
The form will be completed to show construction costs for December 2015.

III. Treasurer's Report of January 19, 2016 – bills totaling: \$17,315.20

Treas. Erwin explains her usual procedure for the treasurer's monthly report.

MOTION: Pres. Nelson moves that we table the LCA bill at this time until there is better clarification. 2nd by Dir. Mayne. Motion passed.

MOTION: Pres. Nelson moves that all other bills be approved for payment with the exception of LCA. 2nd by Dir. Mayne. Motion passed.

MOTION: Pres. Nelson moves to approve the Treasurer's report. 2nd by Dir. Mayne. Motion passed.

A. Transfer of funds (need to add to checking to pay bills and a CD is due Feb. 3)

MOTION: Pres. Nelson moves that the treasurer transfer the CD amount from Westmark Credit Union to a 12 month CD at Idaho Central Credit Union. 2nd by Dir. Mayne. Motion passed.

B. Rebuttal to allegations –Judy Erwin explains that the audit is done every year and is always approved. The audit is filed with the State. She explains the split check process and that it is one check written to one person for three different bookkeeping categories. She objects to negative comments previously made by a member of the public and is willing to answer questions and explain accounting procedures to those who have concerns.

IV. Legal

V. Technical

Dan Collins adjusted the sound system so that both speakers are working.

VI. Website

VII. Public Liaison

1. Chamber Education Task Force – MHHS Career Fair is February 10. The YEA program has ten students who are creating their products and presentations.

VIII. New Business

A. Chamber of Commerce dues (\$100) and MAC dues (\$200)

MOTION: Dir. Mayne moves to pay annual dues for Chamber (\$100) and MAC (\$200). 2nd by Pres. Nelson. Motion passed.

- B. John Keiffer – request to renew water lease agreement for 20 water shares attached to WECRD property. The water assessment amount is determined around February each year by the Mountain Home Irrigation District. Mr. Keiffer agrees to pay the assessed amount (generally about \$40/share, total=\$800) and cut the weeds on the property. There is a contract. Tabled until the next meeting.
- C. MHHS uniform proposal by Jim Clark, head football coach. New jerseys are needed; the addition of a JV team in 2016 greatly increases the number required. The team raised \$23,000, a program record, and they receive a percentage of that amount. \$11,000 remains and is required to replace essential equipment. This request is tied to the coach’s “Men Builder” program - an effort to change the culture, improve morale, increase pride, and build quality young men. **Request: \$15,000.**
- D. Iplay proposal for instrument funding. Letter from chair, Katherine (Smith) Harlan, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, describes a non-profit program to refurbish and distribute free instruments to needy band students. Instruments are returned upon graduation, refurbished, and redistributed. **Request amount not specified.**
- E. Students and Horses Excel (SHE) proposal by Willa Rose, executive director. This non-profit provides equine assisted activities and therapies. Anyone can benefit especially those traumatized by violence. Operates out of Dream River Ranch in Oasis. Funding is for hay or sponsorship of 8 kids for the Spring Break Camp. **Request: \$3,000**
- F. Varsity softball proposal for funding. **No representative or request amount.**
- G. Rocky Top BMX proposal by Eric Gross, volunteer BMX track operator, at Optimist Park. The Track needs work and the cadence and gate lights are the primary need. This Mountain Home track used to be the best track in the state, but the track had deteriorated. It would draw more participants if equipment is updated and made safer. **Request: \$12,000.**
- H. Mtn. Home Arts Council – Lit to Life – Secret Life of Bees. Provided informational handout only. **No representative or request amount.**

IX. Public Comment: Seven members of the public provided comments regarding suspension of the building contract, possible cancellation and cost involved, more public input, and their desire to see the building built. Questions were raised about the new board’s goals, future plans and building costs, use of the current building site. Having a place for children and others to go is desired.

X. Executive Session According to I.C. 74-206 (b) and (f)

MOTION: Pres. Nelson moves to go into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (b) and (f) at 8:06 PM.

Pres. Nelson aye
Dir. Mayne aye

MOTION: Pres. Nelson moves to reconvene at 8:43 PM. 2nd by Dir. Mayne. Motion passed.

XI. Adjourn Pres. Nelson moves to adjourn at 8:43 PM. 2nd by Dir. Mayne. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ashcraft, Secretary

Date

Minutes approved

as written

as amended

Art Nelson, President

Date