

MINUTES  
Western Elmore County Recreation District  
Special Board Meeting  
Thursday, January 28, 2016 5:00 PM  
245 East 6<sup>th</sup> South, Mountain Home

I. Quorum

MOTION: Pres. Nelson established a quorum at 5:00.

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

MOTION: Pres. Nelson moves to amend the agenda to discuss the district's attorney. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dir. Mayne. Motion passed

Pres. Nelson received a letter of resignation from Brian Peterson as the WECRD attorney. Pres. Nelson asks Michael Crawford to become the attorney for the WECRD.

MOTION: Pres. Nelson moves to retain Michael Crawford as the interim District attorney. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dir. Mayne. Motion passed.

II. Cancellation of the contract with Kreizenbeck Constructors.

Discussion/Position of the Board: We ran on a platform that this was the wrong building; the YMCA was not the answer for this community; the district did not have the money to build, outfit and operate this facility, despite value engineering \$750,000 out of the initial bid. They (previous board) signed the contract 3 weeks before the election for a \$4.2 million building when the district had \$3.7 million in the bank and didn't wait for the \$850,000.00 Capital Campaign. Restarting the contract, which was suspended after the election, created the majority of this loss (to cancel). Success was dependent on the \$850,000 Capital Campaign. Those funds are gone. We simply don't have the money to complete this project. To continue this course is not in the best interest of the community. We need to stop the contract now, preserve the remaining funds, and move forward to provide recreation. Both board members agree.

MOTION: Pres. Nelson moves to cancel the contract with Kreizenbeck Constructors and that Atty. Crawford write a letter to Kreizenbeck crafting it in such a way as to absolve us from future liabilities. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dir. Mayne. Motion passed.

III. Authorize payment of LCA invoice submitted at last meeting.

MOTION: Pres. Nelson moves that the district pay LCA Architects \$13,205.57. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dir. Mayne. Motion passed.

IV. Public comment:

Synopsis: Ten citizens spoke about the cancellation of the contract. People had strong views and their opinions were mixed. One thought we had voted to end the district, rather than the contract. This was clarified and corrected. Concerns were raised about the amount of money wasted. The current board did not sign this contract 21 days before the election. Some wanted this building to be built even if it had to be finished later. Another said it is not feasible, couldn't be opened until 2018. Continue on without the funds. Build a less expensive option, not a YMCA building. Voters wanted change; some did not want this change. Some thanked Art and Judy for stepping up; others questioned why they became candidates. One offered to volunteer and encouraged others to become part of the solution.

V. Adjourn

MOTION: Pres. Nelson moves to adjourn at 5:38 PM. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dir. Mayne. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Betty Ashcraft, Secretary

Date

Minutes approved

as written

as amended

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Art Nelson, President

Date