

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
WESTERN ELMORE COUNTY RECREATION DISTRICT
March 22, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Western Elmore County Recreation District was called to order by President Art Nelson at 6:00 p.m. on March 22, 2017 at the WECRD office. The following were present:

President: Art Nelson
Secretary/Director: Judy Mayne
Attorney: Cherese McLain
Engineer: Amy Woodruff
Treasurer: Judy Erwin
Guests

President Art Nelson opened the meeting of the Board of the Western Elmore County Recreation District at 6:00 p.m. on March 22, 2017.

I. Quorum:

Secretary Judy Mayne held a roll call as follows: Art Nelson, aye; Judy Mayne, aye. The president established that there was a quorum with two directors present.

II. Minutes:

Minutes of the regular Board meeting of February 15, 2017, were available for the Board to review. Director Judy Mayne made a motion to accept the Board meeting minutes of February 15, 2017, as written. President Art Nelson seconded the motion. With both directors voting in favor of the motion, the motion passed.

III. Reports:

A. Secretary's Report – Secretary Judy Mayne had nothing to report at this time.

B. Treasurer's Report

1. Authorization to pay bills. A list of monthly bills was presented totaling \$7,463.92. Director President Art Nelson made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$7,463.92. Director Judy Mayne provided a second to the motion, and the motion passed with both members in favor of the motion.

2. The Treasurer's Report dated March 21, 2017, was available for the Board to review. Director Judy Mayne made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. President Art Nelson seconded the motion. A vote was held with both members voting in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

3. Certificate of Deposit Maturity

Treasurer Judy Erwin reminded the Board that the CD at CapEd Credit Union would mature on April 4. Also, there is extra money in Pioneer Federal Credit Union beyond the NCUA insurance limit. There was lengthy discussion as to the credit union rules allowing multiple EIN's. Attorney McLain and Treasurer Erwin will continue to investigate the rules and possibilities for investing multiple accounts in credit unions. After this discussion, it was decided to table the matter until the meeting in April.

IV. Old Business

A. Floodplain Study Update

Attorney Cherese McLain introduced the district engineer Amy Woodruff from the firm of Civil Dynamics. Amy has been given the district floodway/floodplain documents and has been briefed on recent efforts with the City and County. She will be vetting the information and getting a bid from a hydro-engineer for the LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging – defined as a remote sensing method used to examine the surface of the Earth) study.

B. Optimist Park Announcer's Stand Update

District engineer Amy Woodruff explained to the Board that there needed to be some material changes in the project at Optimist Park and that Keller and Associates had made revisions to the plan. The next step is to secure a building permit and begin construction of the announcer's stand.

C. Library Cards- Mountain Home Public Library

President Nelson explained that the City Library Board voted to turn down the proposal from the WECRD to subsidize library cards for district residents who reside outside the city limits.

D. Lease of Water Shares

President Art Nelson stated that the ditches on the property were a problem, but that John Kieffer will do his best to take care of the weeds. President Art Nelson made a motion to renew the lease of water shares this year to John Kieffer for the amount of \$880.00 (eight hundred eighty dollars). Director Judy Mayne provided a second to the motion. With both Directors in favor of the motion, the motion passed.

E. Job Opening

It was reported that the ad for a part-time administrator for the District was published twice in the Mountain Home News but that there had been no responses to the ad. President Nelson will check with the Department of Labor to see if we can get applicants through them.

V. New Business

A. Auditor Presentation

Jared Zwuygart from Zwuygart and Associates was not able to attend the meeting. The audit presentation will be postponed until the April meeting.

B. Budget Hearing

Treasurer Judy Erwin reported that it was time to submit information about the Budget Hearing to the county. It is necessary to determine the time, date, and place of the hearing. After discussion, Director Judy Mayne made a motion to hold the Budget Hearing at 7:00 p.m. during a recess of the regular meeting on August 16, 2017. The motion was seconded by President Art Nelson, and the motion passed.

C. BMX Facility upgrade

Shane Knapp from the Rocky Top BMX group addressed the Board concerning an upgrade of the BMX track that has been started at Optimist Park. He is working with the City and Parks and Recreation to update the facility and improve safety. They need specialized dirt to rebuild the track (estimate = \$8,800), replace the starting gate (estimate = \$14,000), and remodel or replace the registration/snack shack buildings for \$8,000-\$10,000. There was discussion as to the City's contributions and amount of community support. Further research needed.

D. Presentation of Projects

President Nelson contributed the following suggestions for possible projects for the WECRD:

1. Rebuild the two dugouts at the "minor" field by the high school
2. Replace infield dirt at the 3 Optimist Park ball fields, approximately \$4,500
3. Install 12 solar-powered timed lights and poles at Legacy Park. It would require changes in the City ordinances to allow lighting at Legacy Park after dark.
4. Construct a 300-500 seat amphitheater on WECRD property with parking, restrooms, concession stand, landscaping, etc.
5. Install an Inclusive Playground at Legacy Park
6. Add 3 tennis courts to Richard Aguirre Park

7. Improve Optimist Park with the following:
 - upgrading power throughout the rodeo and BMX areas
 - installing permanent concessions and restrooms with showers
 - adding viewing boxes to the rodeo area
 - creating 20 RV spots with water and power
 - correcting the arena size
 - replacing the grandstands at the rodeo area
 - finishing the fencing around the arena
 - installing landscaping and trees
 - improving the entrance gate ticket area and completing the facility fencing
8. Improve the City swimming pool by replacing the heating system with solar, purchasing a new chlorinator, replacing the kids' pool, adding a splash pad and expanding the pool
9. Establish an outdoor gun range

There was some discussion on the proposed project ideas. Director Mayne felt plans for the amphitheater should be put on hold until after the floodway/floodplain issue is resolved. Art Nelson would like to find out if an amphitheater could be built in that area. Director Mayne volunteered to begin discussions with the City regarding the status of the city pools and the needs.

VI. Adjournment

Director Judy Mayne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. President Art Nelson seconded the motion. Both Directors voted "aye," and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Submitted by:

Judy Mayne, Secretary

APPROVED:

as written

as amended

Art Nelson, President