

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE  
WESTERN ELMORE COUNTY RECREATION DISTRICT  
May 18, 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 May 18, 2016 with the following present:

President: Art Nelson  
Secretary/Director: Judy Mayne  
Attorney: Mike Crawford  
Treasurer: Judy Erwin

- I. Quorum:** A quorum was established with both directors present.
- II. Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting dated April 20, 2016 were available to the Board.

Director Mayne made a motion to approve the April minutes as written. President Nelson seconded the motion. A vote was taken with both directors in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

**III. Grant Proposal**

Jennifer DeVore, Head Coach for the MHHS Cheer Team, addressed the Board requesting sponsorship funds to provide cheer practice/competition mats, uniforms and financing for the team to attend cheer camp. They have been actively fund raising to pay off over \$15,000 in debt from the previous team, leaving them with about \$500 to operate.

**IV. Reports**

**A. Secretary**

Director Mayne reported that she had attended the PRIMA training in Nampa May 3<sup>rd</sup> and that it was a very worthwhile training.

**B. Treasurer's Report** of May 17, 2016 – bills totaling: \$1,948.17

1. Authorization for the Treasurer to pay the bills. President Art Nelson made a motion to pay the month's bills totaling \$1,948.17. The motion was seconded by Director Mayne. Motion passed with both in favor of the motion.
2. Treasurer Judy Erwin informed the Board that after she pays the bills this month and all of the checks have cleared then she will transfer the remaining funds from the old Pioneer Federal accounts to the new Pioneer Federal accounts, closing the old accounts.
3. The Treasurer's Report dated May 17, 2016, was reviewed by the Directors. Director Mayne made a motion to accept the report as written. President Nelson seconded the motion and the motion passed.
4. Judy Erwin mentioned that she and the two directors had attended the state Budget and Levy Training in Nampa that day, and that she thought it was very worthwhile.
5. Treasurer Erwin called to the attention of the Board a letter that had been received, a copy

of which was placed in their notebooks for their review. It was a letter from the Elmore County Planning and Zoning Commission concerning an update of the Flood Hazard Mitigation and Development Requirements Pertaining to Flooding. No action needed to be taken on the issue, but she wanted to bring it to their attention in case either wished to attend the hearing.

#### V. **Legal – Sub-District Boundaries**

Attorney Michael Crawford explained to the Board that he had been working with Alan Christy, the Director of the Elmore County Land Use and Building Department on the issue of redrawing the sub-district boundaries for the WECRD. He presented maps of proposed boundaries which Mr. Christy had prepared. The most current figures on populations of the existing sub-districts based on the 2010 Census were as follows:

Sub-District #1- 9,751

Sub-District #2- 6,073

Sub-District #3- 5,508.

With the proposed revision of boundaries, the sub-districts would have the following populations based upon the 2010 Census information:

Sub-District #1- 7,692

Sub-District #2- 7,798

Sub-District #3- 7,752

Mr. Crawford recommended adoption of the new boundaries which evenly distributes the district population and brings the WECRD into compliance. Each director must reside within his/her Sub-District but electorates vote for candidates from all 3 Sub-Districts, thus, each director represents the entire District.

Director Mayne noticed possible errors in the legal descriptions e-mailed to her by Alan Christy. She had contacted him regarding this and he concurred that the directions in two locations were incorrect. In the legal description of Sub-District 1, sentence #7: “thence continuing **“east” (change to “west”)** along the South District Boundary”... And in the legal description of Sub-District 3, sentence #8: “Thence **“east” (change to “west”)** along the centerline of Goldsmith Road”...

Attorney Crawford mentioned that the Board can adopt the map revision now and add the corrected legal description. With this accomplished, the Board can begin the process to fill the vacancy in Sub-District 3.

President Art Nelson made a motion to accept the new Sub-District boundaries and the new legal descriptions of the boundaries with the mentioned corrections. Director Mayne provided a second to the motion. Both directors voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

President Nelson mentioned that the District should publish a notice in the paper soliciting applicants for the board vacancy from Sub-District 3. A discussion was held as to the contents of the notice. Then President Nelson made a motion to publish a notice in the *Mountain Home News* to seek applicants from Sub-District 3 for the vacant board position with a submission deadline of June 8. Director Mayne seconded the motion. A vote was taken with both directors in favor. Motion passed.

## **VI. Continuing Business**

### **A. Grant Proposal Review - Archery – Optimist and 4-H proposals**

There was no representative from Optimist or 4-H, but a discussion was held based on information from a prior meeting and phone follow-up. Both groups are willing to share archery resources. President Art Nelson made a motion to **grant \$2,100** to the archery programs of the Mountain Home Optimist Youth Ag Group and the Canyon Creek Bark N Moo 4-H Club. Director Mayne provided a second to the motion. A vote was taken with both in favor, and the motion passed.

## **VII. New Business**

### **A. Grant Proposal**

1. MHHS Baseball. There were no representatives of this group to make a presentation.

#### 2. MHHS Wrestling

Coach Scott Mederios of the Mountain Home High School Wrestling program addressed the board with a request for funds for new wall mats, a competitive mat, and practice/competitive mats for the junior high school program. The total request is **\$25,751.40**. Director Mayne asked how many youth the programs serves in a year. Wrestling coaches work with kids from K-12 with approximately 200 participants per year.

#### 3. Skate Park – City of Mountain Home

Councilman Goeff Schroeder initiated the presentation of the Skatepark Project the City has planned for Legacy Park. Jamie McDaniel, project coordinator, presented additional information regarding the estimated \$412,000 project. Using a formula based on population and age, she estimates that 600 kids and adults locally will use the facility. The city will be applying for a cash match grant NLT January, 2017. Phillip Garcia, who operates Open Soar, described the current skatepark as “dangerous”. He involved kids and adults in the design process for the proposed, multi-use skatepark which would accommodate scooters, BMX, roller blades, skates and skateboards. He sees it as an opportunity to expand the capability of the park and draw in visitors and locals with art, music, and food events based on the experiences of skateparks in Nampa, Sun Valley, and Twin Falls. Stan Franks, Parks and Recreation Director, said that the Skatepark is part of the city’s Master Plan with a large space already designated down in a hole and protected from the wind. The city plans to do the prep and gravel work, contributing \$50-60,000 to the project. The city is requesting **\$200,000.00** from the WECRD to get the project started.

4. Jack Dooley representing the coaches of the Mountain Home Lady Tigers Basketball program requested funds for uniforms, equipment and clinics for his participants for a total of **\$16,730.00**. The program serves about 340 youth.

#### 5. Summer Lunch Program (meal program funded by USDA; locally sponsored by St. Vincent De Paul)

Lisa Stover-Russell, program administrator, was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior training commitment. Since the summer lunch program begins June 1 and ends August 10, Director Mayne presented this grant request for part time staff, recreation equipment and activities. About 60% of Mountain Home children receive free or reduced price breakfast and

lunch during the school year. Last year over 8,200 meals were served. All children ages 1-18 can participate. The program runs from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Monday – Friday at 2 locations. . Other community groups are encouraged to volunteer and “pay it forward”. The purpose of the activity is fun, fitness, skills development, and prevention of childhood obesity. The WECRD supported the program last year approximately 1 day/week, utilizing the YMCA staff person to provide activities. The total funding request was up to **\$13,000**.

**B. Equipment Request**

President Nelson mentioned that the Healing Hearts quilting group that meets at the WECRD facility has requested more tables and better lighting. This altruistic group donates the items they create to various charities. He also suggested they could use a long-arm quilting machine and fabric. No dollar amount was specified.

**VIII. Public Comment**

Three members of the public offered comments regarding the purpose of an Idaho recreation district; redistricting; the plan to fill the director position; funding for worthwhile programs but concern that the board is supporting city or school programs with recreation tax dollars; comments that when the previous board provided similar funding, it was okay; now the current board is criticized; issues with the proposed skate park and the change in location by the city.

**IX. Adjournment**

MOTION: President Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. A second was provided by Director Judy Mayne. A vote was taken with both directors in favor of adjournment. Motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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Judy Mayne, Secretary

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Date

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ as written

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Art Nelson, President

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Date