

MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
WESTERN ELMORE COUNTY RECREATION DISTRICT (WECRD)
245 East 6th South, Mountain Home, ID 83647
February 28, 2018 at 6:00PM

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ ESTABLISH QUORUM

President Dan Gillies called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. A quorum was established with all directors present.

The following individuals were present:

President: Dan Gillies
Vice-president: Lee Pierce
Director: Doug Meyer
Treasurer: Judy Erwin
Administrator: Tarl Smith
Legal: Phil Miller

City of Mountain Home (CMH) Mayor, Rich Sykes
City Councilman, Mark Bryant
City Councilman, Daniel Brennan
City Councilman, Jimmy Schipani
City Councilman, Matt Bundy (Arrived during Executive Session)
City Clerk, Nina Patterson
City Treasurer, Paula Szafranski
Legal Counsel, (CMH) Brian Peterson

1. Director Pierce made a motion to amend the agenda to include an Executive Session as item number two, in accordance with Idaho Code §74-206(1)(f) to communicate with legal counsel regarding pending/imminently-likely litigation concerning C-2 Constructions and the Minor Field Dugouts project. This motion was made in good faith, considering that the Executive Session was discussed and agreed upon during the February 19, 2018 meeting, but was not added to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Director Meyer and all Directors voted in favor of amending the agenda to include the Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - In accordance with Idaho Code §74-206(1)(f) to communicate with legal counsel regarding pending/imminently-likely litigation concerning C-2 Constructions and the Minor Field Dugouts project.

1. AND THE VOTE TO DO SO BY ROLL CALL:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Dan Gillies , President	<u> X </u>	_____	_____
Lee Pierce, Director	<u> X </u>	_____	_____
Doug Meyer, Director	<u> X </u>	_____	_____

2. Executive Session convened at 6:09 PM, and the regular meeting reconvened at 6:41 PM. No decisions were made.
3. Director Pierce made a motion to proceed to item six and hear from Mayor Rich Sykes concerning Railroad Park. Director Gillies seconded the motion and all Directors voted in favor of the motion.
4. Mayor Sykes suggested a long term lease from the WECRD for Railroad Park or possibly buying the park for less than the suggested \$165,000.00. Director Gillies stated that he was interested in a short term lease with the City. Director Pierce stated that he was not originally in favor of a long term lease, but suggested that the long term lease could have a long term benefit for the WECRD, if the WECRD can come to an agreement to exchange landscaping work for the new facility or some other similar agreement. Mayor Sykes suggested that the City could staff and run the WECRD facility and programs, which would be of great benefit to the WECRD. Paula Szafranski stated that the staffing for the Parks and Recreation Department is approximately \$300,000.00 per year.
5. Director Pierce stated that the cost for running a pool and increased staffing could be much greater than \$300,000.00. Brian Peterson stated that if the WECRD owned the property and the City staffed the facility, it should be legal and fit the definition of a joint facility.
6. Mayor Sykes stated that Railroad Park is important to the community and the City just wants to know what the WECRD intends for the park. He further stated that there is a cost associated with any kind of upkeep or ownership.
7. Director Gillies stated that many ideas have been proposed, but the WECRD will need time to consider them. He further stated that the proposed one year lease would give the WECRD some time to develop long term plans for Railroad Park.
8. Director Meyer suggested that the City buy the Park at \$35,000.00 each year for the next five years. It was determined that that can not be done with a public entity.
9. Mayor Sykes proposed that the WECRD trade Railroad Park for a portion of Richard Aguirre Park. He provided a map which outlines the area that the City is proposing to trade with the WECRD. Mayor Sykes stated that the City definitely wants the WECRD to build a recreational facility and sees that as one of the top amenities for the City to be attractive to individuals, families and businesses.
10. Director Pierce asked John Cristobal if he had anything he would like to say to the board. He stated that the payment for the work that has been done is a top priority, as is the completion of the dugouts, which he acknowledged as being finished by the City. Mr. Cristobal was assured by the WECRD and the City that a possible solution is being worked on and both entities asked for some more time to work out the details. Mr. Cristobal stated that if the WECRD and the City have a possible solution, then he will stand down for the time being and give both entities some time to come to a mutually beneficial agreement that results in C-2 Construction being paid for the work that had been completed.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. All Directors reviewed the Minutes dated January 24, 2018, January 26, 2018, February 2, 2018, February 15, 2018, February 19, 2018 and Feb 21, 2018. Director Meyer made a motion to approve the Minutes as written. Director Pierce seconded the motion, and all Directors voted in favor of approval.

III. TREASURER

1. All Directors reviewed the Financial Report, dated February 22, 2018 and the Bills to date. Director Pierce made a motion to accept the financial report for February 22, 2018 and approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$11,142.24. Director Meyer seconded the motion and all Directors voted in favor of approval.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. John Kieffer, who leases water shares from the WECRD and maintains control of the weeds on the 18th Street property, addressed the Board with concerns about maintaining the property and about renewing the water share lease for another year. Director Meyer made a motion to renew the lease, and Director Pierce seconded the motion. All Directors voted in favor of the renewal.

2. Judy Erwin stated that the Boise Office Equipment maintenance agreement was going to be approximately \$33.00 each month as compared to \$33.00 quarterly for the previous maintenance agreement. Director Pierce asked that Judy Erwin check to see if the amount of copies could be increased to a more reasonable amount. Director Gillies stated that he would like to negotiate the cost to get the best deal. Director Pierce made a motion to approve a monthly maintenance agreement up to \$40.00 each month. Director Meyer seconded the motion. All directors voted in favor of approval.

3. Director Meyer made a motion to renew or initiate a new subscription with the Mountain Home News. Director Lee seconded the motion, and all Directors voted in favor.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Karen Bird addressed the board and stated that she felt that Richard Aguirre Park would not be a good place for the WECRD recreation facility.

2. An individual stated that the City should be able to carry the cost for maintenance of Railroad Park and that the benefit to the City is worth the cost of maintenance.

VIII. ADJOURN

1. Director Meyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Pierce seconded the motion. All Directors voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Submitted by:

Tarl Smith, Administrator

Date

APPROVED: _____ as written as amended

Dan Gillies, President

Date