

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WESTERN ELMORE COUNTY RECREATION DISTRICT (WECRD)
245 East 6th South, Mountain Home, ID 83647
March 27, 2019 at 6:00PM

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ ESTABLISH QUORUM

Director Dan Gillies called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, and a quorum was established with all Directors present. (Dan Gillies, Lee Pierce, and Doug Meyer)

Others in attendance:

Michelle Heins, Administrator

Judy Erwin, Treasurer

Amber Simon, Mountain Home News

Foundation Members: Betty Ashcraft and Steve Goddard

Guests: Jim Bird and Vivian Meyer

II. CONSENT AGENDA – All matters listed within this Consent Agenda section require formal action, but are typically routine or not of great controversy and will be enacted by one motion. Questions for the purpose of clarification may be asked about a particular item before the motion is voted on. However, for lengthy discussion or separate motion a board member or citizen may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda section and placed on the Regular Agenda. ALL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS LISTED BELOW ARE ACTION ITEMS.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Board Meeting, February 27, 2019;
Special Board Meetings – March 12, 14, and 20, 2019
2. BILLS –As of 3/21/2019 in the Amount of \$23,900.85
3. FINANCIAL REPORT –Report dated March 21, 2019

Doug Meyer made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Lee Pierce seconded the motion. All directors voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

III. ARCHITECT/CONSTRUCTION/ENGINEERING

Director, Lee Pierce, gave an update on the construction progress for the indoor pool facility. All major utilities are in across 18th street. Dodge Boy's put in another electrical sleeve, where we wanted the original line to go, so now there will be two electrical sleeves into our property. The natural gas, sewer connections and water lines are all ready to go. The only thing left, which is a City of Mountain Home concern, is the waste water main and retention pond. WECRD is waiting for the City of Mountain Home to draft the new easement paperwork and there will be a signature required once we have that document and agree to it. Lee took pictures of the property for our records. He also indicated that 2/3 of the fill dirt is on our property. There were no other updates at this time.

Administrator, Michelle Heins provided the Board with the cost savings analysis on the sand vs. regenerative filter systems. This information came from Neptune-Benson and Water Technology Inc. There was a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of both systems. The sand filter is a tried and true system, that is used all over the treasure valley at indoor pool facilities. It has a cheaper start up cost and would be easier to maintain. The disadvantage to having a sand filter is that it will require a surge tank which may cause a space concern. The regenerative filter is more expensive initially but over time it would be cheaper to operate. The concern though is maintenance on this type of filter system. Since it would require specific technicians to travel in and fix the problem it would leave the pool closed for days

at a time. Regenerative systems do use less water than sand systems so that is a positive. The life expectancy for the pumps on these systems are about the same, 2.5-5 years. The regenerative tank which is steel has a 30 year life expectancy and the sand tank which is fiberglass has a 45 year life expectancy. Both systems are reliable which is why it is a tough decision. Doug Meyer made a motion to table the discussion until we go into the next meeting with LCA. Lee Pierce seconded the motion. All directors voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Lee Pierce received a new statement from Dodge Boys to fix the location of the electrical sleeve. The original quote was \$10,400 and the statement was for \$9,900 with two electrical sleeves. Lee Pierce made a motion to approve the bill in the total of \$9,900. Doug Meyer seconded the motion. All directors voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

V. NEW BUSINESS

The WECRD received a reminder letter from the Elmore County clerk to set and notify them of the date and location for the budget hearing. Doug Meyer made a motion to schedule our budget hearing on August 28, 2019 at the WECRD building at 5:30pm. Lee Pierce seconded the motion. All directors voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

Betty Ashcraft presented updates with the Foundation. They have a full board now with five acting members; Bill Negri, Truman Parker, Victoria Armstrong, Steve Goddard, and Betty Ashcraft. They have been working on grants but they really need final numbers for some of the grants they are seeking out. She stated that some grants even want full design and full costs before they will even look at them. Betty would like Michelle and Dan to go talk to the people at the Mountain Home Air Force Base for partnership opportunities. She has been in contact with Mike Simpson's office and Senator Mike Crapo's office. Wheels are in motion but they need final information from the Board. The Foundation has been working a new brochure as well and invited comments from the Board and staff.

VI. GENERAL DISCUSSION

No general discussion at this time.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Goddard referenced a book about selling the positive to get it done. The greater the buy in the better your success is. If people see it happening they will be more inclined to join in.

Betty mentioned that someone from Tipanuk, ID wondered why they weren't part of the Western Elmore County Recreation District. The citizens in that community would need to petition to join the WECRD. It is up to them to do it, not us.

Treasurer, Judy Erwin mentioned that they were able to get the money moved over to First Interstate Bank yesterday. The financial statement they approved was accurate for last week. The amounts haven't changed its just the money is in a different account now.

VIII. ADJOURN

Doug Meyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lee Pierce seconded the motion, and all Directors voted in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

Submitted by:

Michelle Heins

Michelle Heins, Administrator

4/24/2019

Date

APPROVED:

as written

as amended

Dan Gillies

Dan Gillies, President

4/24/2019

Date