

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**WESTERN ELMORE COUNTY RECREATION DISTRICT (WECRD)**  
**245 East 6<sup>th</sup> South, Mountain Home, ID 83647**  
**March 24, 2021 at 6:00PM**

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ ESTABLISH QUORUM**

President 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, WECRD Administrator

Judy Erwin, WECRD Treasurer

Guests: Jim Bird, Anita Twitchell, Steve and Leslie Goddard, Merla Gillies, Martha Ralphs, Vickie Armstrong, Betty Ashcraft, 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 24, 2021 and Special Board Meetings, March 15 and 17, 2021.
2. FINANCIAL REPORT – Report dated March 18, 2021.
3. BILLS - As of March 22, 2021 in the amount of \$5,056.61

***Doug Meyer made a motion to approve the consent agenda as written. Lee Pierce seconded the motion. All Directors voted in favor of the motion. The motion carries.***

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Items removed from the consent agenda - ACTION ITEM

There were no items removed from the consent agenda.

**IV. ARCHITECT/CONSTRUCTION/ENGINEERING**

1. Construction Update and Discussion

Lee Pierce explained we have had a busy week with meeting with the City and looking at possibilities of a joint partnership. Our architect and engineers are finalizing the construction plans with the updated 2018 codes. Sprung required some changes and once those are done, the structural design can be completed. Michelle is working on publishing the 2021 and 2022 bid notice for the Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) applications. The District will need to decide on a date in May/June for the IRT team to come out for a site visit.

Lee explained the first IRT project is going to be this Spring and will be the creekbed improvement. This will cost the District approximately \$6,000 for fuel and any rental equipment required. This project is slated for 14 days. In the Fall, Idaho IRT is approved to erect the Sprung structure and that project will take approximately 52 days. The D.C. IRT team is reviewing the application for interior work if that gets approved that project will be Spring 2022 and is approximately 120 days.

## **V. GENERAL DISCUSSION / PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were several individuals with questions about a partnership with the City.

Martha Ralphs began the public comment by reading the article in the March 3rd Mountain Home newspaper. She started reading that Director Pierce “hit a roadblock with the city. He (Lee) was told by the Planning and Zoning department that codes had changed and the Conditional Use Permit may have expired. It was suggested that the WECRD immediately schedule meetings with the City Building Department, the Mayor, the WECRD board, and contractors to get the permitting handled.” Ending her reading with “Innovative Readiness Training.”

Martha provided the Board with the drilling report she got from the Idaho Department of Water Resources. She stated that the Municipal Well located in Richard Aguirre Park will definitely impact the size, location and parking plans of the new pool.

She provided a print out of a press release from Governor Little’s desk regarding the American Rescue Plan Act fund for Idaho. She read Governor Little quote “We should not hastily spend the funds we receive. We should wait for guidance from the U.S. Treasury.”

Lastly, Martha provided a detailed document about all the accomplishments the District has done regarding the aquatic center. She compared where the WECRD is at to where the City is at. She wanted to express how hard the District has worked to get to this point and she wanted to thank them for their continued efforts.

Dan mentioned that he talked with Tiffany Belt about the joint partnership. He read, “The WECRD and the City of Mountain Home met on March 17th to discuss the possibility of a joint partnership to provide citizens the recreation facilities that many have been awaiting.”

Anita Twichell spoke up and believed that putting a building on the City land goes against the injunction. Betty Ashcraft read the judges ruling.

“This Order permanently enjoins the Defendant, the Western Elmore Recreation District, from engaging in the activities specified herein. .... The terms of this Order are as follows: 1. This Order is binding upon the Defendant, the Western Elmore County Recreation District, its directors, agents, and employees. 2. The duration of this Order is permanent unless otherwise terminated or modified by this court. 3. For purposes of this order: a donation is a gift; paying for repairs or improvements to property (real or personal) owned by another is a gift; paying for services performed for another is a gift; paying an obligation owed by another is a gift. Henceforth the WECRD is hereby permanently enjoined from engaging in any of the following activities: 1. Granting or gifting money or property to another. It is so Ordered. Dated this 1st day of November 2017.”

Jim Bird wanted to know the Districts timeline for construction this year and when the decision to either work with the City or not would be finalized. The discussion with the City has so many details to work out and we will try our best to get that done as soon as possible so it won’t delay any of our work going forward. The timeline for this year would be to go out for bids as soon as possible to get the concrete work done, the creekbed cleanup with IRT, and then in the Fall erect the Sprung structure.

The District expressed there have been no plans agreed upon by either party and this is merely hypothetically speaking and looking at options to work together. There has been nothing signed with the City about partnering.

## VI. ADJOURN

*Doug Meyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lee Pierce seconded the motion. All Directors voted in favor of the motion. The meeting ended at 7:07pm.*

Submitted by:

*Michelle Heins*  
Michelle Heins, Administrator

4/28/2021  
Date

APPROVED:      as written      as amended

*Dan Gillies*  
Dan Gillies, President

4/28/2021  
Date