

**Montrose Recreation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 28, 2021 11:30 p.m.**

Board Members

Martin Lutz
Mark Plantz
Kylee Smith
Amy Warthen
Paul Wiesner
Mike Brown
Christina Files

Staff Members

Mari Steinbach
Jeremy Master
Justin Mashburn
Miguel Lopez
Tracie Rief
various staff on Zoom

Guests

Call to Order

Board President Director Lutz called the January 28th, 2021 Board of Directors meeting to order at 11:37 a.m. Roll Call was taken, all Directors present.

Open Forum

No member of the public was present to address the Board.

Staff Anniversaries: Tracie Rief, 15 years; Cindy Marino, 12 years; John Wagner 4 years. President Lutz presented each with their staff certificates of accomplishment.

Announcement from the Board President

Board President Director Lutz announced that he will be stepping off the MRD Board, given personal and business obligations.

Capital Projects & Purchases

- a. Community Garden, Field House, NRPA Grant:
Jeremy provided an update on progress to date of the NRPA Community Nutrition Hub grant and the concept of building a community garden at the Field House. Affected staff has collaborated and developed a site plan, which was presented. Board discussion made note the importance of sustainability of the project and programming.
- b. Irrigation Project, Ute / McNeil: Miguel provided an update on the potential costs and challenges to implement the project as originally planned. He & Jeremy outlined three ways to facilitate the project. The Board agreed that moving forward with the preliminary and foundational scope to drain the pond, add bedding, install the intake supply line and self-cleaning screen, all of which will accommodate future improvements. Staff will bring the project back to the Board in July for another update and further discussion of an additional appropriation, hoping to complete the project this year. There was limited and preliminary discussion about removal / replacement of some of the approved 2021 capital projects.
- c. GOCO Resilient Communities Program Grant: the ad-hoc group has determined to not pursue the grant after further discussion with GOCO staff and others. However, there is potential for further discussion on land acquisition, which is the focus of the Executive Session, following.
- d. Comprehensive Master Plan: Mari provided a brief overview of the status of proposals, with proposal submittal deadline being February 5. Interest by firms has been good.

Executive Session for the purpose to discuss purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of property interest, as allowed under 24-6-402 (4)(a), C.R.S. A motion to request Executive Session per 24-6-402 (4)(a), C.R.S. for the purpose to discuss purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of property interest as well as as to confer with the District attorney for legal advice on specific legal questions as allowed 24-6-402 (4)(b) was made by Director Wiesner, seconded by a Director (inaudible) . The motion carried 7-0.

Return to open session. The board did not deviate from the stated purposes of the executive session.

Committee Purpose Statements & Objectives

The purpose and goals statements for each Board Committee were reviewed. A recommendation was made by Director Smith to update the Growth Committee's yearly goals from 2020 to 2021.

State-wide Parks & Recreation Initiatives and Co-horts

Executive Director Mari Steinbach presented that MRD is joining Colorado Special Districts benchmarking cohort to improve our comparative analysis abilities, which will lead to better decision making and data reporting. She also introduced MRD's inclusion into the Smart Approach to Cost Recovery cohort with 5 similar sized Colorado Parks and Recreation agencies. Wade will be the project manager on this initiative, which will create a new categorization platform of MRD services as a basis for a cost recovery model to be presented to the BOD later this year.

Committee Updates and Assignments

- a. **Exec. Committee of Board:** Met last week to go over agenda.
- b. **Administrative:** Have not met.
- c. **Foundation:** Director Warthen reviewed MRF updates. Meetings will resume monthly schedule. There is a need for MRF to get their books in order and designate a Treasurer. The Triathlon this year is in its 20th anniversary. The Foundation is looking to have a fundraising event in spring or early summer.
- d. **Growth:** Director Files reviewed Growth Committee's 2 January meetings. RFPs are out for the Comprehensive Master Plan, which are due back 2/5, after which the Growth Committee is to meet again. Last meeting went over MRD's 2005 Master Plan. Director Plantz expressed his excitement for and interest in the work of the Growth Committee, to which Director Files explained the future opportunities for all BOD's involvement with the Master Plan this year.
- e. **Finance:** Director Plantz mentioned that the Finance Committee is meeting next week, but that there have been no meetings since last BOD meeting.

MRD Financial Report and Colostrust Bank Statement Summary

a. Executive Director Update

Executive Director Mari Steinbach reviewed the financial statements and ED report included in the BOD meeting packet.

XI. Approval of BOD Meeting Minutes: 12.10.20

The minutes of the 12.10.20 BOD meeting were reviewed. Director Weisner makes a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Director Smith. Director Lutz abstains, and with no further discussion, the minutes are approved 6-0.

ADJOURN

The meeting is adjourned at 1:48pm.

**Next Regular Meeting
Thursday February 25th, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.
CRC Party Rooms
16350 Woodgate Road
Montrose CO 81401**