

**North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District
Board Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2015**

The Board of Directors of the North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District (NFPPRD) met on Monday, October 19, 2015 at the District office in Hotchkiss.

Board Members Present: Mr. Lange, Mrs. Driscoll, Mrs. Oxford, Mr. Butcher and Mrs. Sharer

Others Present: Tamie Meck from the DCI, Lenore Cambria, District Administrator, and Niki Richardson, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Mr. Lange led the meeting.

Review of Agenda: No changes were made.

Minutes

The minutes from September 21st were discussed. Mrs. Oxford made a motion to accept the minutes, Mrs. Driscoll seconded and the motion was passed.

Bills Presented

Mrs. Cambria presented a list of bills to be approved and the members reviewed the printed list. Mrs. Oxford made a motion and Mrs. Driscoll it to accept and pay the bills. The motion passed.

Bleachers at the Tennis Courts

A high school student named Derek Holt is interested in building bleachers for his Eagle Scout project. He will be contacting us. He will be raising the money and he is hoping other scouts will make other bleachers. We can write him a letter of support.

POOL REPORT

Mr. Lange shared that everything seems to be under control. David Young has been working at the skate park and he also asked the kids for their input on what they would need or want in the park.

GOCO Grant Progress

The estimate for the shelter was given to us in 2013 and needs to be updated. Mrs. Cambria has not been able to get the company to call her back. She says we need more information before she can write the grant request: A timeline, budget, more public support. Mrs. Cambria spoke to Esther about it and Esther said don't submit it without more details. Mrs. Cambria suggests we do a thorough grant for next year's round or go for other funding. The town of Hotchkiss pledged \$250 as well as some kind of in-kind support, and a letter of support. We need 25% of the project in cash or in-kind with a minimum of- 10% in cash. The Hotchkiss youth soccer association will also give \$500 as well as letters from the kids. The Elks in the past were in favor of donating a picnic table. Mr. Lange suggests we have a committee to make a checklist and get the grant application started well in advance of the next round.

The GOCO planning grant for the new playground turns out that that grant is not for playgrounds unless we are a school. Snapple has a playground grant. Flight of the Eagle playground at the middle school was paid for with private donations. Mr. Lange suggests we proceed with removing the old playground then think about the feasibility and necessity of the playground.

Colorado Beautiful Trails Project '16

Mr. Butcher presented about the Trails project. Delta County is on there for \$76K. There are about 20 trails on the Uncompahgre they will submit for mapping. We can eventually have all sorts of trails including bike trails and urban trails. In the future receive bigger grants in the \$1M range.

Audit Report and Findings

On the 3rd page at the bottom they state that the books are in great order. On the last page it also mentions the application for exemption from audit for those who don't make \$750K. The auditor will apply for this on our behalf.

Preliminary Budget for 2016

- Mrs. Cambria used the 2014/2015 actual figures and estimations for utilities etc to come up with the new budget.
- The mill levy number may change. It is currently .893. The new number will come in before the budget is finalized.
- Our budget is voted on in November. The official budget will be done in December. (We have to change the board meeting date to meet county deadlines with the budget.)
- Folks can look at it in the hair salon of Mrs. Driscoll. *It's a wild hair.*
- Salaries have gone up 3% in the past; Mrs. Cambria and Mr. Young will also work 40 hours a week during pool season.
- An amount was budgeted for possible elections.
- This is an experimental year since Roy is now retired and he didn't bill for all of his time. Now we'll be paying for those activities so we'll see how it budgets out.

Landscaping Contracts 2016

A company called Aqua Terra West wants to bid the landscaping. We use S&E Ward (bush hog, spray, fertilizer) and Hostetler (mowing, irrigation) every year. We should get bids from these places (and references for Aqua Terra West) again for next year. S&E Ward is licensed to spray. Last year we spent \$15K; budgeted \$16.2K because Butch used to do the inside yard and now won't be doing that. Ken Butcher made a motion that we get bids, Mrs. Driscoll seconded it. The motion passed. It was also suggested that Dave could do the inside-yard mowing because it has to be done around sprinkling and swimmers.

Kids Kingdom

Because it was a GOCO project, we need permission from them before removing it. In the master plan the playground is by the baseball field. GOCO knows that these playgrounds aren't built any more because the EPA is not authorizing that treated wood product to be used any more. Bill Eiler, principal of the Montessori, will write a letter to support the request. Mr. Butcher made a motion to make the request. Mrs. Driscoll seconded it. The motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Risk Management Review free training on personnel Mrs. Cambria can get us 5% off of the following years' liability insurance.
- Special District Association Obscure laws class
- Hotchkiss K-8 sent a request for a prize or cash contribution. Mrs. Driscoll made a motion to give 2 six day punch cards, Mrs. Oxford 2nded, The Motion passed.
- Thank you card from Esther
- National Philanthropy Day
- Hope West Thank you note

Administrator's Report

- The skate park cement was filled in and fixed.
- A notice was sent to the town of Paonia about the pickelball lines.
- Angie Lopez has the new cleaning contract
- The office crawlspace is flooded. They tested the water – very high alkalinity. Dave pumped it out. A French drain and/or sump pump may be in order.

- Pool Comparison Report: Update on Pool Equipment. They haven't scheduled coming back to set it up, but it'll be done this fall. The pool will be filled early April because we need to work out any kinks and balance chemicals before May 15th graduation.
- Safety Rebate received \$210
- DCI Coverage. Tamie Heck is here and good publicity was thanked.
- Town of Hotchkiss support listed above.
- Thank you gifts have been sent to retiring employees.
- Lottery \$ has still not come in. An email was sent to Mrs. Cambria blaming unexpected complexities in their new system and saying that they hope it'll arrive by the end of October.

TREASURER'S REPORT

We will have a big draw down but we're following pretty much on line. Mr. Butcher asked Lenore to research finding better interest rate for our money.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Niki Richardson, Board Clerk

Approved: _____ Dated: _____

Action Items

- Create a committee for GOCO Grant Project
- Change December board meeting date
- Bids for yard maintenance
- Playground removal request
- Sign up for Risk Management Review course
- Zombie Run 2 6-day punch cards
- French Drain and/or sump pump
- Move money to higher interest rate facility