

**North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District
Board Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2019**

The Board of Directors of the North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District (NFPPRD) met on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at the District office in Hotchkiss.

Board Members Present: Sara Sharer, Ken Butcher, Sven Edstrom, Kim Egging, Kathryn Oxford

Others Present: Lenore Cambria, District Administrator, Niki Richardson, Board Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Review of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed and one item added to the new business.

Excuse Absences: There were no absences

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of November 18, 2019 – Sara Sharer made a motion to approve minutes with two small revisions. 2nd – Kathryn Oxford. Motion passed.

Pay Bills

A motion was made to pay the bills by Sara Sharer. 2nd by Kim Egging. The motion passed.

Public Appearance

There was no public appearance.

Pool Report – Lenore Cambria

None this month.

OLD BUSINESS

- Ballfield Complex Status

It is MUDDY OUT THERE. We managed to get the fencer's equipment off of the field. Unless our engineer, Randy Fender finds out something different from the electricians (as to what's possible during the cold weather), no one will work this winter. Randy and Lenore will meet next week to talk about a tight spring schedule, so no one holds anyone else up.

Lenore is waiting for two more invoices – Mesa Engineering and Tribble & Sons – to get another reimbursement from DOLA (About \$13,000). We did get the DMEA in-kind invoice which counts as part of the total project cost.

- Sign Status

Niki Richardson presented about the status of the ballfield and bicycle signs. She showed a mock-up of the planned east-side bike trails sign as well as the new map that includes the highschool trails. Ira Houseweart has the new mock-up and will be creating the sign/bike repair station this winter for installation as soon as possible. The ballfield signs will be designed and installed this spring. The Gen Wild logo sign needs to be added to the Bicycle sign adjacent to the pumptrack.

- Work on Bridge to Pumptrack Proposal

Sven Edstrom will be providing a proposal to build one large bridge that goes towards the WeatherPort and a smaller one that goes towards the sign and the trailhead. These bridges will be paid for through the Delta Health Dept. Grant.

- Preliminary Budget Review

Lenore presented the 2020 Budget. After reworking the 2020 budget, there is still \$300K+ carry-forward. Some capital outlay had to be pushed into the next year. It was suggested that next year we make trails maintenance its own line item with a designated account number. Lenore will ask the auditor for advice on that number.

- Skatepark Pledge

Lenore added \$5,000 to the 2020 budget for the skatepark matching funds to help with Jay Canode's grantwriting efforts to improve the skatepark.

NEW BUSINESS

- Resolution/Ordinance to Adopt 2020 Budget

Kim Egging made a motion to adopt the 2020 budget, Kathryn Oxford seconded; the motion passed.

- Resolution/Ordinance to Appropriate Sums of Money

Sara Sharer made a motion to appropriate sums of money, Sven Edstrom seconded; the motion passed.

- Resolution/Ordinance to set mill levies

Sven Edstrom made a motion to set the mill levy, Ken Butcher seconded; the motion passed.

- Resolution/Ordinance to Certify Tax Levies

Kim Egging made a motion to certify the tax levy, Kathryn seconded; the motion passed.

- Resolution/Ordinance to Approve Budget Message

Kathryn Oxford made a motion to approve the budget message, Kim Egging seconded; the motion passed.

- Letter of Support for pathway from Town of Hotchkiss to Rec District/HHS Property

Sven Edstrom presented the letter he and COPMOBA have begun writing to our county commissioners to ignite action on a mutual priority to build a path and bridge between town and Crossroads Park. This item has been a priority for both the county and for the Town of Hotchkiss. Kathryn Oxford and Sven Edstrom will become a subcommittee to follow any leads and talk to the town of Hotchkiss, Delta County, the Fairgrounds Committee, and the other North Fork towns. Suggestion was made that this letter be specifically written from NFPPRD, with other entities offering letters of support. A clear action item will be proposed within the context of the letter.

- Resolution to Appoint Designated Election Official – Jim Briscoe

Sara Sharer made a motion for a resolution to appoint James R. Briscoe as our designated election official and authorize him to cancel the election. Ken Butcher seconded; the motion passed.

- Paonia Chamber 2020 Dues

The Paonia Chamber has raised their dues from \$75 to \$150 per year. They have never had a special rate for non-profits. We pay \$30 to Hotchkiss and \$40 to Crawford and even DELTA is only \$120 for a non-profit entity. Lenore sent an Email asking for clarification of the increase, what the benefits are, and if they have a non-profit rate. They have not responded (maybe because there is only one employee and she may not be full time). We did not give them money last year because they were somewhat dissolved. One Board member suggested we don't become members of Paonia Chamber until we get answers to our questions. The Board also agreed that it would be good to reach out again and request a special rate. If the only option is \$150, the Board agreed that this is not affordable to the District.

- Electric Charging Station at Crossroads – Grant available for 80%

Charging stations have become a big talking point because there is a big push to provide charging stations on the West Elk Loop. The grant pays 80% of installation and you have to maintain it for at least 5 years. The grant application is due in January. The Board agreed that this would be a better option for Town or County property.

- Lifeguard Instructors

Niki proposed that she and Daphne Salone go to the Lifeguard Instructor course and that the Board pay for it for \$425 each. Daphne would also need to do the Lifeguarding course which is \$250. Sara Sharer made a motion to pay for both Lifeguard Instructor courses. Daphne and Niki will need to pay for their certification/recertification themselves. Kim Egging seconded; the motion passed.

Administrator's Report

- Holding pond status –

Instead of building a new pond, we can just enlarge the existing smaller pond, per advice from Luke Reschke, North Fork Water Commissioner

- CDOT major work postponed to Summer 2021 – Lenore will attend CDOT Open House 12/12/19 for details

- \$280 received for Skatepark from Jay Canode's contacts

- Disney parks grant – basketball court?

There is a Disney grant out there. Maybe we could pursue that.

- Merchant Meeting Update

The Merchant Meeting meets the first Wednesday of the month at 8am at the Coaltrain Coffeehouse.

- Crawford Annual Chamber Meeting Update

Lenore needs to write something for the award presentation in February

- GOCO Place Grant Final Report submitted. Final payment distributed 12/6

- Paonia Elementary School requested a punch pass for their annual Christmas basket fundraiser

Lenore will deliver it this week.

Marketing - Merchant Herald, Shopper, Eblast, Facebook, Paradise Theatre

Correspondence - Lenore presented the communication.

Treasurer's Report - Mrs. Egging - Mrs. Egging presented the financials.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Niki Richardson, Board Clerk

Approved: _____ Dated: _____