

**Canon City Area Metropolitan  
Recreation and Park District  
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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
May 9, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER** The Canon City Area Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, Nick Sartori in the board meeting room located at 575 Ash Street.

**ROLL CALL**

Board Members:

Present:               Nick Sartori  
                              Joel Dudley  
                              Melissa Smeins  
                              Andrew Palmasano  
                              Cooper Trahern

Staff:                    Kyle Horne       Executive Director  
                              Dawn Green     Finance Director

Attorney:               Dan Slater

Guests:                 Tony Adamic  
                              Tim Payne

Although neither gentleman could be in attendance, outgoing board members Greg DiRito and Brett James were recognized for their three years of service to the Recreation District.

- The newly elected board members were welcomed. The board discussed positions and the following motions were made to elect the positions.

Board member Joel Dudley made a motion, seconded by board member Melissa Smeins to elect board member Nick Sartori president. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

Board member Nick Sartori made a motion, seconded by board member Cooper Trahern to elect board member Joel Dudley vice-president. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

Board member Nick Sartori made a motion, seconded by board member Melissa Smeins to elect board member Andrew Palmasano treasurer. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

Board member Andrew Palmasano made a motion, seconded by board member Joel Dudley to elect board member Melissa Smeins secretary. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

Board member Joel Dudley made a motion, seconded by board member Nick Sartori to elect board member Cooper Trahern assistant secretary/treasurer. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Board member Nick Sartori made a motion, seconded by board member Joel Dudley to accept the consent agenda as written on the May 9, 2023 regular meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

- No citizen addressed the board at this time.

### **ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

- Board member Nick Sartori has spoken to community members excited about the improvements at Rouse Park.
- Board member Cooper Trahern received a complaint about the window for registration for Adult Sand Volleyball. Kyle Horne responded that the activity sold out in eight minutes, and all the teams able to register were from Canon City. He said volleyball is growing in popularity in the District. Board member Nick Sartori suggested looking for spots on District property to add volleyball courts.

### **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

Executive Director – Kyle Horne reported:

- Kyle thanked the maintenance staff for their work getting the facilities ready for recent archery competitions. People from around the state attended the competitions held at the archery range and Pathfinder Regional Park. Organizers relayed the compliments regarding the District’s facilities to Kyle. Colorado Parks & Wildlife and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation have provided funding assistance in the past for improvements to the archery range.

- Kyle informed the board about the potential impacts to property tax revenue collection from recently passed Senate Bill 23-303. This measure goes to the voters in November and would reduce the residential assessment rates and change the exemption amount on value. Counties that experienced over 20% increase in value would not be backfilled for the resulting reduction in property tax collection. It is an issue to watch.
- Programs had a good month in April as registrations were up in numerous activities. Kyle urged the board to check out their reports.
- Homeless camps continue to be a problem. There is a new one by the sanitation yard along the Riverwalk. Board member Nick Sartori asked that the expenses for cleanup continue to be tracked.
- Devin Everhart will be interviewing candidates for the open maintenance position next week.

Dan Slater:

- Dan Slater reported that progress is being made on the connector trail from the South Canon Trails to Dawson Ranch. Kyle reviewed the project for the new board members and stated that once the property line is set, he will contact the trail builder.
- Dan stated that he has been appointed the county attorney for Custer County.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Mr. Luke Javernick was not in attendance, so Kyle Horne gave a brief report on the channel activation project. There was a meeting with NRCS to discuss how to do the diversion to create the stream channels. In communications with John Erickson of CPW, it seems that the wetlands grants are a good fit for the project.

Board member Nick Sartori would like to look at the proposed project by doing an onsite visit.

Mr. Javernick is looping back to the funders who previously expressed interest in the project for the feasibility study.

- Mr. Tim Payne provided a report on the Urban Renewal Authority (URA). He is the Special District representative. He reviewed the authority's boundaries and how the tax increment funding goes towards future development. He spoke briefly about infrastructure projects which have received funding assistance from the Authority. Currently, funding grants are available for business facades along Main Street and life-safety grants to meet building codes regarding fire suppression. The grants are first come/first serve and are limited to \$50,000 per property with a 75% match. The URA is a 25-year program, and this is year two.

- Kyle reviewed the project status at Rouse Park. The LED lights are finished. The back stop pads are being installed today. The covered dugouts are finished except for the fascia. The shade structures are installed, and the metal signs have been ordered. District maintenance staff have started work on the bull pen. One tree was removed (near the concession stand). New picnic tables have been ordered for the pavilion. June 3<sup>rd</sup> is Opening Day for Youth Baseball and the Grand Reopening of the park. Kyle asked the board members to attend.

- Kyle informed the board that this summer is year 57 for the pool, although one year during the pandemic it did not open so this is year 56 of operations. Connor Riley from Councilman-Hunsaker inspected the pool on Monday. He will provide a full report at the June meeting. Kyle reviewed with the board some of the items he discussed with Mr. Riley. Mr. Riley strongly recommended closing the baby pool as there is water under the liner, it only has one inlet and one skimmer when it should have two, and it is not ADA accessible. A ramp to make it so would cost approximately \$20,000-\$30,000. There is also a leak by the drain.

At the lap pool, the liner is done. It has a 9 ft. crack and is becoming too brittle to hold a fiberglass patch. The minimum cost to replace it is \$100,000.

Settling has caused the concrete to separate from the liner and the gaps cannot be fixed. The southeast corner of pool is the lowest point and is no longer level. The skimmers are not operating properly. The pool's surge tank has a 269-gallon capacity, it should be 4,000 gallons.

The west side of the deck is showing metal stains meaning the rebar in the concrete is corroding and the concrete is thinned and not thick enough.

The diving board stands need to be replaced. If Colorado adopts the national codes for swimming pools, the deep end at the Icabone pool is not deep enough to allow diving boards.

In the mechanical room the turnover rate should be every six hours to meet code, our pool is at nine. Our pipes (4 inches) are not large enough. Those dealing with input should be 6" and suction 8". The copper pipes are deteriorating, and standards now call for PVC pipe. Every fitting, valve and pipe at the pool would need to be replaced.

The sand filters are starting to leach water and the pump has outlived its useful life.

Mr. Riley told Kyle that the District can limp along with the pool this year.

The only piece of equipment that is not an issue is the chlorine pump.

Chemical storage is another issue. Bath houses are no longer built like the one at the Icabone pool. Mr. Riley told Kyle that the District's is the only one he has ever seen like it.

Mr. Riley will provide two renderings of an updated pool at the July meeting.

The board discussed the pool, its age and compliance with code.

Kyle informed the board that there were lots of applicants for the 2023 pool season.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Last Thursday, the District's Parks crew members and Kyle received a demonstration of the power turf renovator implement. It levels all the grass as well as dethatches and aerates. The representative had two units with him. As staff strongly recommends its purchase, the demo machine was left here. The representative reduced the price by \$500 and included a new set of cutting blades.

Board member Joel Dudley made a motion, seconded by board member Cooper Trahern to purchase the power turf renovator. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

- Included in the board packets was a quote to purchase a new Toro Ground Master Rotary Mower. The price is \$28,490.70. The parks crew needs a mower and Toro mowers last a long time. The seller, LL Johnson, cannot get one delivered until 2024, but would like to have a purchase agreement to hold one for the District. Attorney Dan Slater pointed out that this purchase is subject to allocation in the budget for 2024 which is approved by the board later in the year. The purchase agreement should include such a clause. Mr. Slater would like to review the language in the agreement.

Board member Nick Sartori made a motion, seconded by board member Joel Dudley to enter into a purchase agreement for a new Toro mower from LL Johnson in 2024. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Board President, Nick Sartori, adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by:

*/s/ Dawn Green*

Dawn Green, Finance Director

Approved as written or amended:

*/s/ Nick Sartori*

Nick Sartori, Meeting Chair