



APPROVAL
September 22, 2019

We hereby attest that the foregoing minutes, which have been approved by the affirmative majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District, are a true and accurate record of the meeting held on the date stated above.

Kent E. Walter 10/10/2019
Kent Walter, President Date

Rob Baughman 10-8-2019
Rob Baughman, Secretary Date



EASTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

September 22, 2019

The special meeting of the Board of Directors for the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation & Park District was held on September 22, 2019, at the District Offices located at the Meeker Recreation Center, 101 Ute Road, Meeker, CO 81641.

Board Members Present:

Kent Walter, President

John Strate, Treasurer

Travis Mobley, Vice President

Dan Chinn, Director

Rob Baughman, Secretary

Also Present:

Sean VonRoenn, Executive Director

Cathy Kiser, Human Resources Administrator

Dondi Glasscock, Administrative Services Manager

Rodney Gerloff, Parks & Facilities Manager

Chance Walker, Recreation Supervisor

Katie Day, Recreation Supervisor

Vonni Massey, Administrative Services Supervisor

Leah Hanson, Recording Secretary/Marketing

All ERBM Staff present for the District Roundup/All Staff Meeting portion of the meeting.

Visitors: Davis Farrar and Matt Farrar (Meeker Moving Forward/Western Slope Consulting LLC)

1. Call to Order & Roll Call & Pledge of Allegiance

President Walter called the meeting to order at 12:17pm. Roll call: President Walter: here; Vice President Mobley: absent at roll call, arrived at 12:19pm; Secretary Baughman: here; Treasurer Strate: here; Director Chinn: here.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Adopt/Amend Agenda

-Vice President Mobley made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Director Chinn seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Motion passed unanimously.

3. District Roundup/All Staff Meeting: Board Members Participation and Expectations

-ED VonRoenn briefly discussed the plan for today's staff meeting/District Roundup. Board members will rotate to different focus groups throughout the day and are encouraged to listen to staff input.

4. 12:30pm: Employee Recognition, State of the District, Roundtable Discussions

-Board members introduced themselves to staff. ED VonRoenn and HR Administrator Kiser presented recognition awards to staff and explained the format of the day to staff. Staff and Board members then

dispersed into randomized groups to different focus groups for the rest of the afternoon, including 30-minute discussions on ERBM's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats, and capital improvement/financials led by ED VonRoenn and managers.

5. 5:00pm: Reconvene for General Debrief/Discussion

NOTE: No formal action items will be considered.

-Board discussed some of the main themes they heard throughout the day and were thankful for honest and authentic staff feedback. ED VonRoenn and managers will be compiling all information from the day and bringing to the Board for discussion in December.

6. 5:15pm-6:15pm: Recreation Focus Group Discussion for Town of Meeker Comprehensive Plan

-Davis Farrar and Matt Farrar with Western Slope Consulting LLC joined the meeting at 5:20pm to conduct a recreation focus group discussion for the Town of Meeker's Comprehensive Plan.

-Davis and Matt provided history of the comprehensive plan, stating that the Town's last master plan was completed in 2006. They also stressed that the group is seeking all feedback, so the Board and any others are encouraged to share all their ideas on Meeker Moving Forward's website at www.meekermovingforward.com.

-President Walter began the discussion bringing up points the Board had discussed at their September 17 meeting, including: the conceptual community trail map (connection of parks, hospital, trails, businesses, Lobo Mountain, etc.), Circle Park (river access in Phase II potential of 3rd street and 10th street points, community input about river recreation features), and the Golf Course (economically struggling, no vibrant business plan, can the Town be involved/public course, and is this still a community want). Discussion about each project ensued. He spoke to ERBM's desire for the Town to be a bigger partner with ERBM on some of these projects.

-Davis Farrar let the Board know that ED VonRoenn has been working with them to include some recreation related questions on the community survey that will be released soon.

-Director Chinn then spoke to the need for more winter recreation opportunities, especially those under roof space and the need for that additional space, specifically the potential expansion for the recreation center.

-Treasurer Strate discussed the possibility of the Town and ERBM working together to promote the trails, similar to the push/marketing for OHV in Meeker/Rio Blanco County. Time to transition to the trails as the OHV market has been utilized already. President Walter agreed with this suggestion, speaking to marketing collaboratively to "sell" the quality of life of Meeker and how it's better/different than many other places.

-Director Chinn brought up Ute Park as an additional location for a trailhead, parking area, and bathrooms to further expand that area of Meeker.

-President Walter discussed the possibility of events/opportunities to capitalize on other popular Meeker events (i.e. Sheepdog) to get people to stay longer and experience more of what Meeker has to offer.

-Davis Farrar discussed the options for a series race/event by working with Rifle, Craig, Steamboat, etc. to bring more people to our community.

-Secretary Baughman discussed the shooting range. He wondered if they Town had any land for a potential range or would be willing to be a partner with the Sportsman's Club and other entities to provide this asset.

-Recreation Supervisor Walker discussed a promotion/exercise to get travelers off Market Street/Highway 13, so travelers can really experience what Meeker has to offer.

- The need for a community event planner was discussed. Many entities dabble in it (Chamber, local paper, etc.), but there really isn't a group planning effort to coordinate annual events strategically.
- Treasurer Strate stated that there are two types of people in Meeker, the ones who want to stay the same as it's always been and those who are progressive and want to grow (which doesn't necessarily mean grow population-wise, but rather visitor-wise).
- ED VonRoenn discussed the want for the Town to work more formally/collaboratively with ERBM on future projects, like they have done in the past few years on the trails project and Circle Park.
- Administrative Services Manager Glasscock spoke to the fact that new projects/ideas are great, but the question on where the money is coming from and who specifically is paying to accomplish these tasks is also important to research. President Walter discussed that the Town may have more funding resources/grant opportunities to leverage funds for future projects.
- Davis Farrar finished up the discussion by reminding the Board and staff that if they have any additional feedback they can be reached through the Meeker Moving Forward website or contact information can be found via Lisa Cook, Town Administrator.

7. Adjournment

- Treasurer Strate motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:14pm. Secretary Baughman seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Motion passed unanimously.