

**North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 20, 2023**

The Board of Directors of the North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District (NFPPRD) met in person and through Zoom on Monday, March 20, 2023

**Board Members Present:** Sven Edstrom, Dan Ihnot, Sara Sharer (on Zoom), and Becky Ela

**Others Present:** District Administrator Lenore Cambria, Max Heepke, and Board Clerk Niki Richardson

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

**Review of Agenda:** The agenda was unanimously approved.

**Excuse Absences:** Becky made a motion to excuse Michelle Pagone, Daniel 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion passed

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes of February 20, 2022 and March 13 – Sara made a motion to approve minutes with the following change: The Wrightwater Engineer's last name is Schrieber. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Daniel. Both motions passed.

**Pay Bills**

Sara Sharer made a motion to pay the bills as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Daniel Ihnot. The motion passed.

**Public Appearance** – There is no public appearance tonight.

**Pool Report**

The boilers have been inspected and passed. In view of the Bank Situation: UBB (United Business Bank) is a California Regional Bank. Lenore contacted our auditor because we have \$500k in one account. He asked if UBB was listed under the PDPA (Public Deposit Protection Act) State Insurance that insures 100%. We ARE listed and UBB is listed. So, we're covered. UBB Also sent a letter assuring us that they are in no danger.

There is a bill already on the Governor's desk ready to sign that changes the requirement for projects \$60K and over go out for bid, to apply only to projects \$120K and over. This amount would also be adjusted for inflation every 5 years.

**Pool Manager Report**

Niki and Max presented that Mary passed the Lifeguard Instructor training. Max is fine-tuning the swim school registration, probably to be live the first week of April.

**Program Coordinator report**

**Soccer** Max presented about Soccer – it is up and running. Some practices started last week. It is rainy so it's not a good week to start practice. We host the first Saturday games on April 1. The game schedule is out. This year we have five U6 teams, three U8 teams, two U10 teams and one large U12 team.

**Pickleball** Tournament. Saturday, June 10. The cost will be \$45 for a doubles team including lunch. The format will be six brackets. Men/Mixed teams and Women's only bracket with the 3 levels in each bracket. The local pickleball players really want it to be a unique Paonia Pickleball Vibey Festival with food trucks, maybe cider. The difference is getting permits. If we just have a pickleball tournament with under 100 players, we pay \$30 to rent the park. If we want to have vendors, we have to do a whole application and alcohol vendors add even more scrutiny. The pickleball players voted to go for it. Max wanted to check with the Board about their opinions. There is a huge pickleball community in

Delta. Max estimated the budget at about \$1,000 pre food which included potential expenses around rain contingencies. If we were full we'd bring in over \$4k. Max estimates that we'd at least break even. Daniel pointed out that a festival should be THEIR project with our blessing, not Max's job. We'll do the admin and permits and it's all on the local pickleball group to secure the food vendors. If it is Max's project, the fee needs to be higher to pay for Max's time. Max would be in charge of registration and admin. They would do the vendors, volunteers.

Becky suggested that we tell them we think it is a great idea and this is what NFPPRD agrees to do including fronting and tracking expenses, permit application, registration and administration, and the rest including planning the festival, securing vendors, recruiting volunteers, coordinating porta-pottys, creating lunch vouchers, promotion, etc is their responsibility. We would like April and May meeting updates.

Sara would like an outline of responsibilities to be set up immediately and reported at the next two meetings.

Daniel wants to communicate that we are open to supporting the tournament, but they need to be in charge of the Festival part.

Becky suggested that high school kids (NHS) needing volunteer hours would be available and Sara suggested Kids Pasta Project might be able to provide food.

### **Skate Park**

Max, Lenore, Dave Knutson and Leslie Klugsmire, The Interim Paonia Town Administrator, met to discuss options moving forward. Leslie didn't know we already had a skate park. She wanted to make a distinction between Accepted vs Adopted the Paonia in Motion; according to her, the PIM plan was only "accepted" which merely acknowledges it, rather than "adopting" it which would make it a more meaningful guidance towards action. Regardless, the four identified two options for moving forward:

- Use existing funds and renovate on the slab that already exists.
- Go for more money which would mean a bigger commitment from the Town.

Sara and Max sat through a 2-hour Town Council meeting to present and ask for their guidance on the matter. The Town Council voted to use existing funds and just renovate the existing skatepark.

Lenore and Max contacted Cindy with the Town of Paonia to confirm the funding in hand. The current account is about \$37k. Jay has many verbal commitments which may add up to almost \$100k. Max was a bit deflated by this reality, as all previous conversations had made it sound like the funds were in hand. Sara suggested that the next move would be to get a budget and plan from Chris Berry from Phantom Concrete and then ask donors to increase their funding.

Lenore updated that the Daniels Fund says that we do not fit their goals. Lenore will ask Gates.

### **Old Business**

- Work on Skatepark Grant GOCO Update, Other grants – see above

- Meeting with Paonia Town Administrator, Meeting with Town Council Decision on Future Plans – see above

- Flood Mitigation Plan Update, Bastian Property, Hazard Mitigation Plan from County Meeting  
Lenore is still looking for a good phone number for the landowners (Bastians). Sven may meet with Scott Schreiber at the end of this week. Sven also went to the Hazard Mitigation meeting and reported

that it was a larger scope. His main takeaway was that we want to become attached to an agreement with the Town of Hotchkiss for the County's Hazard Mitigation plan.

- Action Plan Next Steps

Sara is going to write up her part and Niki is going to design her part.

- Pumptrack paving update

Andrew Mann is going to provide a quote to Sven.

- Solar update – MOU – Shade Structures

Lenore received an MOU from West Elk Mine/Mountain Coal Company this afternoon. It says that they will fund and we agree to accept Solar installation by Empowered Energy. The mine will pay the contractor and the project needs to be complete by November 1. Contractor must notify the mine in writing by October 15<sup>th</sup> if they need additional time.

**Shade Structures**

Sven is interested in post and beam construction and Niki was interested in drill stem to match our other signs. We may decide to do a hybrid, which would look very nice. Sven proposes 2 60-foot structures. Sven would provide a drawing for next meeting.

Daniel wanted to get back to Andrew Sprauer and let him know what happened to the project. Lenore suggested that Daniel tell him that we have been gifted this project through Empowered Energy so we couldn't say no.

- **District Administrator Job Description** updated and published. Published in Workforce Services through the State, the Special District Administration Classifieds, Facebook. We didn't put it back in the DCI or Shopper. We only have one application. The deadline was last Friday. Board would like to see this extended to 4/21 to receive more applications. Posting will go out to Indeed as well. The hiring committee will consist of Lenore, Michelle, Daniel, Max, and Mary, with Sara as an alternate.

**New Business**

- WeatherPort structure bid on by Adam Camacho

Adam found 14k sq ft damaged WeatherPort Structure at Colorado Mesa University he was considering bidding on and wondered if it could be placed on Rec Dist. property if his bid was successful.

- Committee for Interviews

See above. Repost to main papers and Recreation Districts in Montrose (Daily Press), Gunnison, Mesa County, Pitkin County, as well as Linked In. New deadline April 21.

- North Fork EMS Health Fair 4/29

Lenore wants to do a booth with Max and Mary

- County Hazard Mitigation Meeting, see above.

Becky made a request that when people come to present, they will have only 5-10 minutes to present and we have 5-10 minutes of questions so we don't take too much time. Discussion can continue during New Business.

Next meeting April 24th

Sven talked about the BLM's Travel Management Plan for Jumbo Mountain Trails. Sven and Max went to the meeting to see what was going on there. Sven suggests we like alternative D. which includes lots of recreation and seasonal closures. It will give the largest number of people access; clean it up and legalize it. April 7<sup>th</sup> is the due date. The advantage of making a comment is that then we have standing

to make a rebuttal. Alternative A is no change. Alternative B or C would be much more conservation-minded with lots of closures. Apple Valley would be the trailhead instead of Pan America up top.

Lenore suggests we do a general statement that we support recreation projects that get people outdoors. Sven said the comments have to be specific to the plan, not just that we support recreation. Sven suggests we said we support signage and safety. As part of the existing Mountain Bike network in the valley, we feel it is important to make trails more accessible and safe. Becky suggested that it is part of our action plan.

**Administrator’s Report**

- Audit Engagement Letter for Audit Exemption sent
- Audit materials sent
- Election Canceled. Scott Shishim & Sven Edstrom will be sworn in in May
- Annual Boiler Inspection done
- Michelle was approached by someone who wants to do the Baseball Concessions
- Library requests donation for reading program.

**Marketing – Niki Richardson**

Niki presented the brochure and start of Master Plan document.

**Treasurer’s Report – Daniel presented the financials.**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Niki Richardson, Board Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_