

NORTH FORK POOL, PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 9, 2024– 6:00PM
Location: District Office at 333 Miner’s Way, Hotchkiss CO 81419

The Board of Directors of the North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District (NFPPRD) met in person on October 9, 2024.

Board Members Present: Rebecca Ela, Dan Ihnot, Sven Edstrom, Michelle Pagone, Scott Shishim

Others Present: District Administrator - Stephanie Bureau, District Administrator

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

II. President’s Review of Agenda

Approved

III. Roll Call & Excuse Absent Board Members

IV. Approval of Last Meeting’s Minutes

Scott Shishim made a Motion to approve the minutes. Sven seconded. The motion passed.

V. Pay Bills

Becky made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Sven seconded. The motion passed.

VI. Public Appearance

None

VII. Presentation of Staff Reports

The Board reviewed the Staff reports documented in the Agenda and did not have any questions.

- Program Coordinator – Fall soccer concludes mid-October. Registration underway for the Paonia Pickleball Tournament on October 19th.
- Facilities Manager – Chris Straub
 - i. Flood mitigation projects underway.
 - ii. Therapy pool and wader pool consultations completed – awaiting schedule from selected contractor.
- District Administrator – Stephanie Bureau
 - i. Property tax updates from DOLA and SDA provided with more guidance promised. The 2 significant updates are:
 - School Districts de-coupled from non-school districts which results in two assessment values for each property. Statewide Assessors are struggling to update their systems to accommodate a multiple value system.
 - A statewide growth rate will be established with a maximum value. The rate can be applied over a 2-year period. It is likely budgeting will have to move to a biennial, rather than annual, planning/monitoring cycle for most special districts. The additional guidance is to obtain legal guidance from our council to ensure we understand the impacts of TABOR and other limitations for expenditures and possible obtain voter waiver for certain limitations. This translates to potential legal expenditures in 2025 as well as election expenses if voter approval is to be obtained by ballot measure.
 - ii. Revised MOU with Nature Connection provided to Jess Finnigan for presentation to NC Board, anticipated to occur in November.
 - iii. Workers Compensation policy renewal data submitted – required salary estimates for 2025.

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- iv. CSD Pool training credit courses completed to garner 10% discount on 2025 property and liability insurance premium.
- Committee Reports (no activity this month)

VIII. Old Business

- Potential land purchases – on hold pending completion of flood mitigation and pool repairs
- Miners Trail – Finalize decision to incorporate materials into 2025 budget. Requested NFPPRD Letter of support provided to Delta County after last Board meeting.
- Flood mitigation – Sven & Becky
 - i. Becky and Sven met in person with Wendall Koontz on Monday, October 7 at the NFPPRD District Office. Kurt Clay joined by telephone. They met to discuss flood mitigation efforts on the Crossroads Park property. Wendall and Kurt indicated they would partner with NFPPRD but requested an estimate and likely construction plan to clarify the financial request to Delta County and the Delta County School Board. Wendall indicated it is likely DOLA funds may be available. He contacted Dana Hlavac, Regional Manager following the meeting. Mr. Hlavac indicated to Mr. Koontz DOLA ‘would match NFPPRD funds dollar for dollar’ but the type of funds and requirements to obtain those funds is unknown to NFPPRD at this time.
 - ii. The Board discussed a variety of ‘move forward’ options including:
 - Re-engage Wright Water Engineers, who completed the initial mudflow survey in 2023, involves a \$25K expenditure for planning and development of bid quantities.
 - Obtain a quote, to present to Delta County and Delta County School District from excavators/contractors to install/construct solutions, at Miners Way, to move excess water off NFPPRD property:
 - A boxed culvert – initial estimate \$250K
 - A larger, piped – initial estimate \$150K
 - Complete efforts underway by Chris to enhance water flow solutions behind and through ballfields, and past the smaller soccer fields and District office. Sven may be able to assist Chris with digging expanded swales to the edge of the soccer fields/District office, with the rental of excavating equipment.
 - iii. The Board concluded they would like Sven to assist Chris to determine if they can complete enhancing the water flow solutions to the edge of the smaller soccer fields/District office with the \$50K funds allocated for flood mitigation expenditures in the 2024 budget.
- Crawford Pickleball Club – further discussion pending notification of GOCO grant award to Delta County anticipated to occur in November. This item will be revisited during the November Board meeting to determine how to provide guidance to CPC in moving forward with their request.
- Nature Connection – Grant request submissions supporting materials provided after last Board meeting (GOCO Conservation Service Corp for 2025 and CPW Stewardship Grant for Wilder Bunch in 2025).

IX. New Business

- CORA Policy: Requires an update based on fee increase passed under 24-72-205 (6), C.R.S., effective July 1, 2024. Becky called for approval to adopt RESOLUTION 2024-011 Increase to Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) Fees. Michelle seconded. The resolution was adopted and part of these minutes.
- Review Budget items related to developing 2025 budget.

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- i. The Board discussed various options for items to include in the 2025 budget for capital outlays. The Board allocated \$100K for capital outlays in the 2025 budget.
- ii. The budget is ready for public comment and Stephanie will proceed with the mandated notifications and postings to adhere to the October 15th statutory deadline.

X. Marketing

No activity to report.

XI. Treasurer’s Report

Dan presented the financials.

XII. Next Meeting

November 18th.

As the budget must be passed by December 15th, the December meeting is moved to December 9th.

XIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Bureau, District Administrator

Approved* *Rebecca Ela* Dated 11/18/2024

*Original signatures on file at District Office at 333 Miners Way, Hotchkiss CO 81419