

**North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District
Board Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2022**

The Board of Directors of the North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District (NFPPRD) met in person on Monday, October 3, 2022

Board Members Present: Sven Edstrom, Becky Ela, Michelle Pagone and Daniel Ihnot

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Review of Agenda: The agenda was unanimously approved with small changes.

Excuse Absences: Sara Sharer is absent and excused.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of September 12, 2022 – Dan Ihnot made a motion to approve minutes with a spelling change. 2nd – Michelle Pagone. The motion passed.

Pay Bills

Becky Ela made a motion to pay the bills as presented. 2nd – Dan Ihnot. The motion passed.

Public Appearance – None this month.

Pool Report

- Painting pool building shade structures, shop, & fence. Assembling new picnic tables. Slide to be delivered in Oct.

Chris is doing routine maintenance.

- Meeting with Mary to debrief about 2022 pool season and brainstorm ideas for 2023.

Mary and Lenore discussed swim lessons and pool opportunities. Mary is going to take the Certified Pool Operator course so she and Chris will both be certified. She is also going to be certified to be a lifeguard trainer since Crystal will be gone. They discussed other topics like publishing a more exact schedule and do some newsletter stuff so that patrons understand more about the pool workings. Under-promise, over-deliver.

Old Business

- Work on Skatepark Grants, SAM #

Lenore has been back and forth with the people at SAM and she has still not been able to get our new number. The deadline is October 17 and if this doesn't get solved by then, the application will be deleted. Sven mentioned that the Town Clerk and interim Manager of Paonia has resigned so Lenore will get the Tony Hawk grant funds transferred over to us before she goes.

- Watershed management/flood control measures

Perfect timing – today, after lots of rain yesterday, Sven and Lenore met with Scott from Wright Water Engineers about our flooding problems. They looked over the whole property. He took a bunch of GPS points and took a drone flight of the area. He's going to come up with a memo of recommendations and do a little soft investigation. Even though the south part of the property seems like a big deal, our bigger issue is the road and the culvert that isn't there. We will have to work with the school district because they own and maintain the road. Scott is going to outline for us the necessary sequential projects so we can remediate this in manageable chunks. What we need to be aware of as a Board is

that Short Ditch is going to get piped, so wastewater can't enter that system because there can only be the one inlet. It is acceptable to put wastewater into natural historic drainages.

There are things that we should do now. Sven and Chris and Lenore will be working on that.

- Bo Nerlin letter to Property Owners – outline of the destruction given to Bo for letter

Lenore still doesn't have a letter from Bo. Scott from Wright Water thought we should just take care of it on our property because anything that we do on their property we'd have to maintain.

Bo requested and received an outline from Lenore about all the destruction two weeks ago but Lenore hasn't received anything back from him. Sven suggested Lenore touch base with Bo again citing last night's rain event. The Board recommends asking if he is just too busy for us and we should see alternative counsel.

- Action Plan Next Steps

delayed til end of meeting

- Tennis/Pickleball Courts for high school

Wendle Koontz and Kurt Clay suggested to Lenore that NFPPRD should put the tennis courts on our property. Lenore suggested to them they redo their own tennis court but they think they need the parking.

- New Gator recommendations

Michelle contacted several vendors for a new gator. Kubota has no inventory so that brand is not an option. Weekenders \$15,164 for a gas Polaris Ranger. An Electric one could be ordered but no one is getting them. John Deere \$12,402 for gas vehicle/\$13,191 for electric. We'd possibly need to install a way charge it here. You should be able to put a plow on it. After the floods, Sven wonders if we need to go up another step for moving more dirt. Michelle wondered if we might need to investigate purchasing a refurbished skid steer for something like that. The Board discussed the pros and cons of owning or renting different machines. There would be uses for a more substantial machine: work on the pumptrack; planting trees; moving gravel. Becky suggested we hear from Chris what he needs.

Adam Camacho was waiting for a final estimate to fix the old broken one – right now he thinks it will be \$3-\$5K.

Dan summarized his stance: we definitely need a machine and that a new, warranted machine would be more reliable.

Becky concurred that the Polaris sounds like the machine that we need.

Sven said that he will talk to Chris about what he needs to ensure that the Polaris will meet his needs.

Dan makes a motion to purchase the Polaris Ranger from Weekender Sports after Sven talks to Chris to concur the appropriateness. Becky 2nd. The motion passed.

New Business

- Preliminary Budget

Lenore presented a *preliminary* budget for the Board to review. Dan Ihnot made a motion to publish a notice that we have a preliminary budget that will be available at the town hall. Additional tweaks will still be allowed in November before the final budget is published. Michelle 2nd it. The motion passed.

- Solar Power

Dan Ihnot talked to Mark from Empowered Energy. Mark referred to his notes from the last time he

conferred with us. There is a 30% tax credit for non-profits (is Special District included in that?) He ballparked \$80-\$100K for the most expensive option. Mark will get back to Dan in a couple weeks.

- Update on Miners Trail, request for signage standards & funding

Wendell Koontz told Lenore that they would like NFPPRD to do the signage for the trail. Lenore and Niki will talk about the design for the signage.

- Pump track expansion

Sven talked to Andrew Mann who built an asphalt pumptrack in El Jebel. We have two options to do that to our pumptrack – change the existing track or build a new one elsewhere on the property. Andrew wild-estimated that it would cost \$80K. The Board would like for Andrew to come present his ideas for our property.

- SDA Conference – workshops attended: FAMLI, must vote before 1/1/23 to opt out, Child Abuse Reporting, Property Tax SB20 residential assessment rate, Board meetings, Open Meetings Law, National Special Dist Assoc. concerns, Construction Projects, recommendations dealing with Contractors, contracts, and Title 32 laws, Emergency Communications

We need to vote on whether we want to opt out of the FAMLI thing so we will bring that up at the next meeting.

- One Delta County Membership – Oct. 6 Membership meeting Creamery \$250 for non-profit rate

Becky made a motion that we join. Michelle 2nd. The motion passed. Dan said he would get back to Lenore about whether he can attend the October 6th event.

- Field Rental

Michelle presented about whether we want to rent the fields for parties and stuff. We will discuss this at the next meeting. Lenore described that we do have a facility rental agreement but no price established for field rental.

Administrator’s Report

- HK8 Fall Festival donation – Becky suggested we do 2 6-punch cards. Michelle offered to put together a little basket. Lenore gave her a \$50 budget.

- 2023 Elections – Sara term limited, Bo Nerlin Designated Election Official Resolution and call for nominations must occur prior to 1/22/23. We have to call for nominations.

- The next board meeting will be moved to Monday, November 14th. Becky moved that we move the meeting. Sven 2nd. The motion passed.

Marketing – Niki Richardson

Ads & press releases

Treasurer’s Report – Daniel presented the financials.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Niki Richardson, Board Clerk

Approved: _____ Dated: _____