

**North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 13, 2023**

The Board of Directors of the North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District (NFPPRD) met through Zoom on Monday, March 13, 2023

**Board Members Present:** Sven Edstrom, Dan Ihnot, Sara Sharer, Becky Ela and Michelle Pagone

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

**Excuse Absences:** There were no absent board members.

**Approval of Minutes**

n/a Special meeting

**Solar Opportunity**

Lenore presented the background:

Because of Board Member Daniel Ihnot's inquiries into installing Solar Panels on the NFPPRD property, we were presented with the following opportunity.

Mountain Coal, aka West Elk Mine can offset fines by paying for local Solar projects. NFPPRD was chosen to be one of four entities including the library and ambulance. The mine has a contract with the state and our \$80k project is included. The mine needs our answer by Tuesday, March 14, thus the urgent meeting tonight.

Lenore zoomed with our attorney Bo Nerlin, Mountain Coal's Lawyer and Representative Jessica from the West Elk Mine to ask if we had to put the project out for bid if we received this donation. Because it is private money and the West Elk Mine will pay Empowered Energy directly, we wouldn't have to put it out to bid.

The lawyers will draw up an MOU. The terms are already negotiated and signed with the state. If any of the 4 receivers pull out, the Mine will have to start from scratch since we are lumped into one project.

The project must be completed by the end of 2023. Brad Burit from Empowered Energy suggested the NFPPRD project would take place in the fall after pool season.

In addition, DOLA may have the funds to cover the shade structures we would install the panels on in the parking lot.

Sara made a motion to support the Mountain Coal Solar Energy grant to be built on the NFPPRD property by Empowered Energy. Michelle (and everyone else) 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Niki Richardson, Board Clerk

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