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**Minutes of the Special Meeting  
Of the Board of Directors  
Edwards Metropolitan District  
November 29, 2018**

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Edwards Metropolitan District, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on November 29, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at the Community Room of the Mountain Recreation District Field House, 450 Miller Ranch Road, Edwards, Eagle County, Colorado, in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado.

**Attendance** The following Directors were present and acting:

- Beth Reilly
- Kara Heide
- Mick Woodworth
- Bill Simmons
- John McCaulley

Also in attendance were:

- Rickie Davies, Eagle County Senior Staff Engineer
- Chris Romer, Vail Valley Partnership President and CEO
- Kim Schlaepfer, Climate Action Collaborative
- Holly Loff, Eagle River Watershed Council Executive Director
- Jason Cowles, Eagle River Water & Sanitation District
- Janet Bartnik, Executive Director of Mountain Recreation
- Don Mackenzie, Sierra Trail Investments
- Dominic Mauriello, Mauriello Planning Group, LLC
- Cliff Thompson, IKS Consulting
- Ken Marchetti, Marchetti & Weaver, LLC
- Meghan Hayes, Secretary for the meeting
- Jim Collins, by phone, for a portion of the meeting

**Call To Order**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of Edwards Metropolitan District was called to order by Director Heide on November 29, 2018 at 12:07 p.m. noting a quorum was present.

**Changes to the**

**Agenda** Director Heide requested to add the 2019 Mayors-Managers Emergency Management Check List to the Board Member Discussion items.

**Public Input** There was no public input.

**Legal** There was no legal input.

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#### **Edwards Highway 6**

##### **Design Update**

Eagle County solicited qualifications for professional engineering services related to the design of US Highway 6 from Hillcrest Drive to Arrowgrass. Four companies submitted proposals and Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig was the accepted proposal. The project will be split into 3 phases: Phase I- Arrowgrass, Phase II- Hillcrest, Phase III- Fox Hollow. The estimated cost of the project is \$386,000. The Board raised concern about the cost. Mr. Marchetti noted that we have budgeted \$150,000 in the 2019 Budget for EMD's 50% share of this project. Mr. Davies is hoping to work with the firm to lower the costs.

Director Heide expressed community members desire for an on-ramp to eastbound I-70 from Hillcrest Drive. Mr. Davies noted it this request and will pass it along to others at Eagle County.

#### **Miller Ranch Road**

##### **Lighting Design Update**

There is a concern with pedestrian lighting along Miller Ranch Road between the bus stop at Freedom Park and Miller Ranch housing area. Edwards Metro District and Eagle County have been asked to help facilitate development of a solution. Mr. Davies has reached out to M&H Lighting for a preliminary design and cost estimate. He is currently working with them and will forward the Design Plan to Mr. Marchetti when he receives it. Director Reilly suggested we look for funding partnerships to help offset the cost.

#### **Bull Run Crosswalk**

##### **Update**

Eagle County is currently designing a crosswalk on Highway 6 at the Riverwalk Bull Run bus stop. The pre-design cost estimate for constructing the project is \$200,000. As additional information is available, Mr. Davies will provide that to EMD.

#### **Vail Valley Partnership**

##### **Update & Funding Request**

Mr. Romer gave a brief update of the Vail Valley Partnership's (VVP) 2018 Key Accomplishments and the services it provides, as well as a Career Wise program designed to help companies take an active role in shaping the talent of high school youth.

Mr. Romer also discussed the 5 core objectives of the Eagle County Economic Development Plan including a workforce development plan. After further discussion Mr. Romer asked if the District would be willing to consider a sponsorship of \$7,500 in 2019. The Board discussed Mr. Romer's request and agreed to consider including it the 2019 budget.

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#### **Climate Action Collaborative Funding Request**

Ms. Kim Schlaepfer gave an update on the Climate Action Collaborative's 2018 accomplishments and future goals of the five Working Groups within the organization. She also discussed the new Waste Wizard Application that is designed to help community members better understand what can be recycled. The Collaborative is asking for a 2019 funding request of \$5,000 to support the continued work to cut climate pollution and maintain the health of the environment and economy. The Board discussed Ms. Schlaepfer's request and agreed to consider including it in the 2019 budget.

The Board also discussed where to relocate the recycling center in the Edwards area. Director McCaulley suggested that signs be placed at the recycling center to notify people about the new Waste Wizard Application.

#### **WECMRD Changes**

Ms. Janet Bartnik unveiled the new name for WECMRD of "Mountain Recreation District". The name more appropriately reflects what the organization is all about. The mission, vision and core values remain the same. Ms. Bartnik discussed expanding programs so that there will be something for everyone. Mountain Recreation is part of the Valley Recreation Group, made up of Vail, Avon and Crown Mountain Recreation Districts. The Valley Recreation Group meets quarterly to discuss the needs of the communities and ways to improve on the health and well-being of community members.

#### **Eaton Ranch Log Cabin**

##### **Update**

Mountain Recreation submitted a proposal for management and use of the Eaton Ranch Log Cabin. The proposal includes partnering with Eagle Valley Outdoor Movement and other local nonprofit and governmental agencies in using the Eagle River Preserve log cabin within the boundaries of the Eagle River Preserve conservation easement as well as honoring the historical wildlife closures implemented by the County. Ms. Bartnik discussed their application for a Planning Grant. The process should take until the spring. The Board invited Ms. Bartnik to attend a future meeting after the Grant Application process has been completed.

#### **Eagle River Watershed Council**

##### **Update**

The Eagle River Watershed Council (ERWC) is a nonprofit organization formed to keep the rivers and streams healthy in Eagle County. Ms. Loff attended the meeting to give a presentation on the Eagle River Community Water Plan. The plan will integrate both consumptive and non-consumptive water uses to ensure that all existing and future uses are considered. ERWC will be holding meetings throughout 2019 to engage the community's feedback. Director Woodworth will be attending future Stakeholder meetings as EMD's water representative.

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**Water Service to**

**ERVMHP** Jason Cowles, Eagle River Water & Sanitation District, gave an update on the negotiation progress between the Upper Eagle Regional Water Authority (UERWA) and the Eagle River Village Mobile Home Park. Mr. Cowles reported that it has been decided the most cost-effective way to provide water service to the homes is to run a water line directly from the water main to the water tank above the mobile home park which would allow gravity to feed water to the homes below. Using this method would eliminate the need to connect each home to UERWA's system lowering the installation and distribution cost significantly. Mr. Cowles briefly reviewed how to structure repayment of the water rights dedication requirement, the water system impact and construction fees, and the projected water billing fee. At this time the project is waiting for approval of the Mobile Home Park's owners.

**Fitz Landscaping 2019****South Roundabout Landscaping Contract**

Mr. Marchetti presented the Fitz Landscaping, Inc. 2019 South Roundabout Landscaping contract to provide landscaping maintenance in the I-70 south roundabouts and the areas adjacent to the sidewalks at the 1-70 roundabouts. After discussion and by motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** to approve the 2019 South Roundabout Landscaping contract with Fitz Landscaping, Inc. as presented.

**Minutes**

The Board reviewed the September 20, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** to approve the September 20, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes with revisions.

**Accounts****Payable**

The Board reviewed the October and November accounts payable lists and by motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** to ratify the October accounts payable list as presented.

**RESOLVED** to approve the November accounts payable list as presented.

**Financial****Statements**

By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** to accept the District's October financial statements as presented.

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#### **2019 Budget**

**Hearing** Mr. Marchetti reviewed the District's October financial statements and the 2019 preliminary budget numbers.

The meeting was published as a public hearing for the District's 2019 budget and opened up to public comment. There being no public input the public session was closed. The Board discussed the 2019 budget and by motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** to adopt the resolution to approve the 2019 budget as presented, to set the mill levy at 1.691 mills and to appropriate the funds for expenditure in 2019.

The Board discussed the Edwards West End Subdistrict 2019 budget noting that it no activity is planned for 2019 in the Subdistrict but the Subdistrict is required to adopt a budget annually until the subdistrict has been liquidated. Director Heide questioned why the Subdistrict is being retained since it has become inactive. Mr. Collins offered to contact Jim Telling, the representative for the subdistrict for a status update. Following discussion, a motion duly made and seconded:

**RESOLVED** to adopt the resolution to approve the West End Subdistrict 2019 budget, to set the Subdistrict mill levy at zero mills and to appropriate zero funds for expenditure in 2019.

The resolution passed with Directors McCaulley, Simmons and Woodworth voting in favor and Directors Heide and Reilly voting against.

#### **2018 Budget Amendment**

**Hearing** The meeting was published as a public hearing for the District's 2018 Amended budget and opened up to public comment. The purpose of the budget amendment is to break out a separate Sales Tax Revenue Fund to account for the restricted sales tax dollars separately. There being no public input the public session was closed. The Board discussed the 2018 Amended budget and by motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** to approve the 2018 Budget Amendment Resolution as presented.

#### **Old Edwards Estates Pond Update**

Mr. Marchetti reported that a chipper has been purchased and is being used to clean up the willows in the pond area.

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#### **Mayors & Managers**

**Update** Director Heide went through the Eagle County Emergency Management Checklist for Mayors/Managers/Elected Officials. Director Heide discussed how the Lake Christine fire showed major vulnerabilities of the current emergency management plans, which lead to the need for the meeting and checklist.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, by motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Edwards Metropolitan District Board of Directors this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

*Meghan Hayes*

Secretary for the Meeting  
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