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Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors Edwards Metropolitan District April 21, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Edwards Metropolitan District, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on April 21, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. in person and via an online Zoom meeting, in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado.

Attendance The following Directors were present and acting:

- Mick Woodworth
- Mike Trueblood
- Beth Reilly
- Todd Williams
- Kara Heide

Also in attendance were:

- Kris Miller, Edwards Resident
- Joanna Kerwin, Edwards Resident, EMD Election Candidate
- Tracy Erickson, Homestead, EMD Election Candidate
- Bill Simmons, Edwards Resident
- Jared Barnes, ECO Transit
- Anna Nakae, ERWSC
- Lizzy Owens, Mountain Recreation District
- Steven Coyer, Eagle River Water & San Election Candidate
- Jim Telling, West End
- Jim Collins, Legal Council
- Ken Marchetti, Marchetti & Weaver, LLC
- Kendra Nicholson, Recording Secretary for the meeting

Call To Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Edwards Metropolitan District was called to order by Director Reilly on April 21, 2022 at 12:10 p.m. noting a quorum was present.

Changes to the Agenda

West End Update moved to the top of the agenda
Arrowhead State Land Board sale to the National Forest letter of support was added to the agenda.

Public Input

Steven Coyer, an incumbent Board member on the Eagle River Water and Sanitation District Board went over his bio and qualifications and requested voter support at the polls. More information can be found on the website erwsc.org.

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Kris Miller: Asked if we can look into alternatives to the poison being used in the roundabouts in Edwards. We will look into alternatives.

Joanna Kerwin: Asked about what was determined about the proposed pedestrian crossing on Hwy 6 at the Miller Ranch light, and also what came from the traffic study done. Director Williams told her there is no plan at the moment for a crosswalk at that intersection. The traffic study done on that intersection did come back and the Board is going to look into the possibility of signal optimization at the light. Joanna then asked about what is being done about the damage in the main roundabout in Edwards and Director Williams stated we will be reaching out for bids in the near future. Bill Simmons and Tracy Erickson both thanked the outgoing board members for their service.

Legal

Jim Collins: The legislature is in session and is working to make quite a few changes when it comes to Metro Districts. The proposed legislation isn't ready for final action yet but should be monitored for impacts to the District.

West End Subdistrict Update

Jim Telling: The intent of the development is to put in rental housing on the West End property. They are currently going through the public process now. The concept design is the next step and they have hired an architect out of Denver, Kephart, to assist in the design.

Potential RTA

Ken Marchetti: There was an information meeting held on April 14th. Director Reilly was in attendance. Director Reilly stated that the RTA Study Group is evaluating formation of a new Eagle River Valley Regional Transit Authority, to be patterned after the Roaring Fork RTA (RFTA). The RTA is evaluating an increase in the sales tax percentage for transit, going from the half cent it is now to a full cent. Fare zones have also been brought up and are a consideration. Director Williams has been attending the stakeholder meetings and said although the group as a whole is mostly in support of the RTA, there are many details to be figured out before anything goes to a vote. Bill Simmons stated part of the proposal may include an interchange at I70 in Gypsum for better access to the airport, but that will require quite a bit of research before it goes to any vote. The current proposed RTA structure would include an Eagle County representative on the board along with representatives from the municipalities in Valley. Jared Barnes from ECO Transit reiterated that

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each community would be limited on voting powers and funding decisions under the RTA system as currently proposed. Director Heide stated that she believes Edwards Metro District has the largest population in the proposed RTA area. The Board requested that a work session be set up with an RTA representative to further explore the RTA concept.

Mosquito Control Agreement

The proposed Agreement was discussed, Ken Marchetti didn't think a new agreement was necessary. Director Reilly would like to find out if the new company has changed the products being used or methodology.

Battle Mountain High School Housing Discussion

There was a discussion about realignment of the district boundaries between Berry Creek Metro and Edwards Metro related to the employee housing to be constructed at Battle Mountain High School. Mr. Marchetti reported that the initial request came from the Assessor's office but the formal request will need to come directly from the property owner (School District). The School District has reported that they intend to retain ownership of the property and therefore it will be tax exempt and as such the district boundary issue is not a significant issue.

Mountain Recreation Outdoor Movie Series

Lizzy Owens presented a funding request to the Board for the Mountain Recreation Outdoor Movie Series this summer. Three movies will be shown. As a funding sponsor, the District will be allowed to display its banner and to have an information table at the event. The Board thanked Ms. Owens for her presentation and agreed to take the request up in Executive Session later.

Miller Ranch Lighting Project

A request has been submitted to the Eagle County Commissioners for a joint meeting to discuss Edwards area issues including the Miller Ranch Road lighting project. We are waiting to hear back about a date and time but that meeting is anticipated to be held in the June or July timeframe. Director Reilly stated she'd like to see a detailed request put together for that meeting. Kendra Nicholson also reported that an application for a grant has been submitted to Senator Hickenlooper's office as well.

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Arrowhead Land Sale Letter of Support

Ken Marchetti reported that the US Forest Service is again applying for funding to purchase the State Land Board section between Arrowhead and Homestead and they are requesting letters of support. A similar letter of support was submitted a couple years ago which was reviewed by the Board. Director Trueblood suggested changing verbiage about “town” government to refer to the metropolitan district instead.

After discussion, by motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the Letter of Support for the Arrowhead land sale with the suggested edit.

ECO Transit Bus Stop Safety Issues

Jared Barnes with Eco Transit attended the meeting to discuss safety/lighting issues at the bus stops. Mr. Barnes stated that a grant has been approved to make improvements to the Lake Creek Village bus stop near Hillcrest Drive. The improvements include realignment to of the bus stop to accommodate three buses at a time instead of the 1.5 allowed now, adding electric charging stations to allow more electric buses to run the route, and an improved shelter at that stop with better lighting.

Director Williams stated that there are safety concerns about lighting and crossing access at the current Eco bus stops and asked what plans there are to make improvements. Mr. Barnes stated the lighting is currently limited by the solar aspect of the system in place, but it’s logistically challenging to power them any other way. He also stated that the road crossings aren’t under ECO Transit’s control. They ask riders to use crosswalks, but many still choose to cross at other places.

Hillcrest Roundabout Update

Director Williams stated the latest update from the County is that utility conflicts are currently being sorted out. The construction plans are currently scheduled for completion in July of 2022.

Eagle River Water Request for

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Purchase of Hwy 6 Land

Eagle River Water received and forwarded an appraisal for the Brett Ranch PUD Tract J land. The Board discussion the intent in acquiring the land and whether to continue to hold it or to sell it to ERWSD. After discussion, by motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

RESOLVED to retain ownership of the land at this time and to send a letter to Eagle River Water advising them of the Board's decision.

Board Member Succession Planning

The Board noted the impending changes in Board members will trigger changes in Board assignments for things like the Upper Eagle Regional Water Authority, Eagle County Mayors and Managers, Climate Action Collaborative and the RTA/Transportation workgroups. These items will be added to the agenda for next month's meeting.

Tree Program

Director Williams stated he would coordinate directly with Ms. Nicholson to figure out what steps to take next.

Eagle River Watershed Council Restoration Project

Anna Nakae spoke to the group about the Eagle River Restoration Project. They are currently waiting for a grant and if it is received they do not expect to need additional funding. They will be working on erosion and pollution issues mainly as part of the project. Director Williams stated they are looking for volunteers to help with the project this summer.

VVP Annual Success Awards

Ms. Nicholson reported that Vail Valley Partnership has made two tickets available to the annual Success Awards Banquet. Director Reilly stated she would like to use the tickets.

Minutes

The Board reviewed the March 17, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes. Director Heide stated she would like some of the verbiage on the JLT Car Wash proposal to be changed to be more specific about concerns that were voiced in the meeting. By motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

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RESOLVED to approve the March 17, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes with requested changes made.

**Accounts
Payable**

The Board reviewed the April 15, 2022 accounts payable lists and by motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the April 15, 2022 accounts payable list as presented.

**Financial
Statements**

The Board reviewed the March 2022 financial statements and sales tax report. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

RESOLVED to accept the District's March 2022 financial statements and sales tax report as presented.

Executive Session

By motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to enter into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e) to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators.

Following the executive session, the Board reconvened in regular session and by motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the funding request by Mountain Recreation for the Outdoor Movie Series at the \$2,500 level.

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 Regular Meeting of the Edwards Metropolitan District Board of Directors this 21st day of April, 2022

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Respectfully submitted,



Kendra Nicholson
Recording Secretary for the Meeting