# Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors Edwards Metropolitan District May 20, 2021

A Regular (Zoom) Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Edwards Metropolitan District, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on May 20, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. via an online Zoom meeting, in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado.

Attendance The following Directors were present and acting:

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

Also in attendance were:

- Sean Fahey, Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig Engineering
- Michele Stevens, Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig Engineering
- Rickie Davies, Eagle County Engineering
- Kristin Kenny Williams, Commfluent Inc. for Vail Behavioral Health
- Chris Lindley, Vail Behavioral Health
- Craig Cohn, Vail Behavioral Health
- Emily Tamberino, Vail Behavioral Health
- Sally Welsh, Vail Behavioral Health
- Tom Braun, Vail Behavioral Health
- Michael Holton, Vail Behavioral Health
- Diane Johnson, Eagle River Water
- Linn Brooks, Eagle River Water
- Bill Simmons, Eagle River Water
- George Gregory, Eagle River Water
- Jason Cowles, Eagle River Water
- Kim Goodrich, Behavioral Health Coordinator, Eagle County
- Michael Cacioppo, Business Briefs
- Tracy Erickson, Homestead
- Nina Timm, Berry Creek Metro District/Singletree
- Janet Bartnik, Mountain Recreation
- Joanna Kerwin, Edwards Resident
- Matt Larson, West End Subdistrict
- Kris Miller, Edwards Resident
- Teri Lester, Edwards Resident
- Debbie Marquez, Edwards Resident

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- Claire Wilson
- Casey Wolfington
- Dana Erpelding
- Kim Goodrich
- Marko Vukovich

# Call To

**Order** The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Edwards Metropolitan District was called to order by Director Reilly on May 20, 2021 at 12:01 p.m. noting a quorum was present.

#### Changes to the

- Agenda There were no changes to the agenda.
- **Public Input** Joanna Kerwin informed the Board that she spoke at the Eagle County Planning Meeting in support of the Freedom Park Recycle Center. Ms. Kerwin has become aware that there is a lack of information available to the community regarding the recycle center. In addition, those that are aware of the recycle center expressed concern regarding the location next to the fieldhouse. The County has tabled the matter until early June.
- **Legal** There was no legal input at this time.

# **Mountain Recreation**

## **Funding Request**

Janet Bartnik with Mountain Recreation provided an update of the plans for the proposed Edwards Field House Capital Improvement Plan. After a year's hiatus, Mountain Recreation is restarting work toward ensuring that services and programs evolve to meet the needs of the community. The work will require funding participation from partners to be accomplished and Mountain Rec is going to be leveraging alternative funding to support the project, and requested that the Edwards Metro District consider partnering to support the improvements to the Edwards Field House, which would include amenities designed to serve a broader range of the community residents such as health and wellness spaces, flexible multi-purpose spaces, social gathering areas and outdoor gear rental space. It was requested that EMD consider how it might participate in support of the improvements planned which estimate construction costs at \$21MM. The Board will discuss this request in Executive Session.

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## West Edwards Highway 6 Hillcrest Roundabout Funding Request

Rickie Davies, Eagle County Engineer, provided an update on the status of the project. Sean Fahey with FHU, design consultant for the project, gave an overview of the proposed location and construction elements of the roundabout, including walls, median islands, sidewalks and buffered bike lanes. This design is not yet final and feedback is still pending from key stakeholders but significant progress has been made. Mr. Davies stated that costs related to lighting and additional surveying for right of way on the west side of the roundabout were not included in the initial scope. These costs are estimated to be \$38k, and it was requested that EMD agree to fund 50% of the cost consistent with prior funding allocation, with the other 50% to be funded by the County. The Board will discuss this request in Executive Session.

## Behavioral Health Facility In Northstar Center

Kristin Kenny Williams, of Commfluent Inc. introduced the Vail Behavioral Health team and the Northstar Center project. Chris Lindley and Craig Cohn then shared an overview of the project which includes a 28-bed short term stabilization center as well as other specialty health services. They shared the estimated volume of the facility and its proposed layout and location. Public notice will occur in June 2021 with public input to be received at that time, architectural designs, permits and construction groundbreaking are estimated in spring of 2022. After an estimated 15 to 18 month construction process, it is expected to open in late 2023.

## Eagle River Water Resources Master Plan Presentation #2

Linn Brooks, general manager of Eagle River Water and Sanitation District, presented ERWSD's Water Resources Master Plan, with a description of the concepts and definitions. Subjects included in the presentation were water efficiency, water demands and reserves, and water conservation. Ms. Brooks shared various potential scenarios of drought and climate change, and the outlook for water supply under these various scenarios. The need for water conservation was as a critical element of the plan was emphasized and discussed as well as the benefits to be obtained by unification of ERWSD and Upper Eagle Regional Water Authority.

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#### **Miller Ranch**

Lighting Mr. Marchetti reported that Mountain Rec considered EMD's request for funding support for the Miller Ranch Road pedestrian lighting project. Mountain Rec would like better pedestrian lighting (as distinguished from ballfield lighting) to access Freedom Park, particularly at the Miller Ranch Road pedestrian crossing at the parking lot on the east side of the high school. It is anticipated that any design changes would need to go to the Design Review Board for review and approval. Discussion was held regarding doing this project in phases and if that would result in more support. Mr. Marchetti will review the easement with CMC and may need to involve Jim Collins to draft.

## Art in Public

**Places** Director Reilly noted that a proposal and budget have been developed by an art teacher who could not be present at the meeting but will plan to present the request at a future meeting. Director Reilly complimented the painting of the electrical boxes.

#### Climate Grant Draft

Director Reilly reviewed the Climate Action Plan Grant Program draft which addresses climate change and potential opportunities to mitigate further adverse climate change. It is anticipated that an initial grant program or request for proposal process can be in place in time for the 2022 budget meeting, and applications would be accepted in January of 2022. Information to be gathered in order to determine a budget would include what type of applications would be received and how the funds may be used. Director Reilly will work on an updated draft to bring back to the Board at a future meeting. Mr. Marchetti will research where this may fit into the budget.

#### Log Cabin

Update Mr. Marchetti provided an update regarding the status of the certificate of occupancy for the log cabin. At this time in order to finalize the certificate of occupancy, the uses of the building as they relate to Eagle Valley Outdoor Movement's anticipated uses needs to be updated and submitted to Eagle County. Bobby Ladd, architect, is working on this application.

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Minutes	The Board reviewed the April 15, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes. One minor update was requested. By motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously
	<b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the April 15, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes as amended.
Accounts Payable	The Board reviewed the May 2021 accounts payable list.
	<b>RESOLVED</b> to ratify the May 2021 accounts payable list as presented.
Financial Statements	Mr. Marchetti noted the preliminary assessed value numbers were received from the county assessor's office. The assessed value is nearly \$200MM. Mr. Marchetti is estimating property taxes will increase from approximately \$310,000 to \$335,000 as a result. No action is required at this time. This will be discussed further during the 2022 budgeting process. The rest of the financial report looks fine.
Sales Tax	March 2021 sales tax information was not available at this time; however, based on reports from other areas in the County, it is anticipated sales tax will be on or above budget through March.
UERWA Update	Director Woodworth reported that Upper Eagle Regional Water Authority is working towards getting Cordillera Valley Club's water use within the amount that was originally decreed which will go a long way towards bringing all of Edwards within its decreed amount. And as presented by Ms. Brooks, water conservation and unification of ERWSD and UERWA are both critical factors in the water master plan.
Executive Session	By motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously
	<b>RESOLVED</b> to enter into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e) determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators.

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The Board came out of Executive Session at 3:00 p.m. and by motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** to approve the funding request for 50% of the amount required for additional engineering of the Hillcrest Roundabout.

#### 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 20th day of May, 2021

> Respectfully submitted, Erin McCauley

Erin McCauley Recording Secretary for the Meeting