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Minutes of the Special Meeting Of the Board of Directors Edwards Metropolitan District May 25, 2023

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Edwards Metropolitan District, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on May 25, 2023 at 12:15 p.m. in person at the offices of Marchetti & Weaver, LLC at 28 Second Street, Suite 213, Edwards, CO 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:

- Kris Miller
- Joanna Kerwin
- Todd Williams
- Mike Trueblood
- Tracy Erickson

Also in attendance were:

- Ken Marchetti, Marchetti & Weaver, LLC
- Kendra Nicholson, Recording Secretary for the meeting
- Deb Forsline, The Reserve
- Linda Guerrette, The Reserve

Call To Order

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of Edwards Metropolitan District was called to order by Director Kerwin on May 25, 2023 at 12:15 PM noting a quorum was present.

Changes to the Agenda

None

Public Input

None

Turf Replacement

Funding

Director Kerwin reported she called the meeting to discuss the turf replacement program in place with the ERWSD indicating the program has had some changes since the Board initially approved EMD's participation. One issue is whether there was a limitation on the square footage of turf replacement allowed under the program. Director Williams and Director Trueblood stated that they don't recall a limitation. Director Trueblood stated he checked on the ERWSD website which does not show a limitation. Director Miller stated that in a conversation with former Director and Board president Kara Heide had remembered the limitation of 2,500 sq ft outlined when the funding was approved. Director Erickson stated he doesn't remember limits being set when the Board approved the contribution. He reviewed some of the different processes that are available and approved for turf replacement.

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He also stated that he had asked if there were going to be experts available to field questions and he feels that hasn't happened yet and the rules are still not clearly defined. There was a Board discussion about the difference between HOA's, single family homes and commercial property. Director Trueblood stated he would still like to go forward with the initial \$25k the board approved for the program, but that future funding could be subject to modifications or limitations as agreed to by the board.

Public Comment

Linda Guerrette stated it's her understanding that the rules of the water district are the same as what has been put out by the state. She said she would like to review the minutes from the meeting where the ERWSD asked for the contribution. Deb Forsline stated the Reserve Association hired a landscaper to assist with the project before they even applied for the rebate and have been working closely with the ERWSD to plan for the turf replacement. There was a discussion about the fact that the EMD Board just became aware of the turf replacement plan that the Reserve is planning at the last EMD meeting. The representatives from the Reserve stated that they also just found out about the EMD contribution to the turf replacement. Director Williams stated that he's confused about the controversy over the program when it's always been the goal of the District to support water conservation. Director Erickson stated he does support water conservation but is still confused about how the program is working. He then asked the representatives from the Reserve how they are going about the project. Linda Guerrette reviewed the process they are using. She stated that an herbicide is the only way to completely kill the roots of the existing turf. She said 21,491 sq ft of turf has been removed and it is going to be replaced with native grass varieties. They said that the program requires both removal and replacement of the turf. Director Erickson stated that he doesn't remember a discussion about the use of herbicide and would not have supported the program if he had been aware of that. There was a Board discussion about possibly changing the parameters of the EMD contribution. Director Trueblood stated that he thinks that further clarification and discussion maybe a good idea before any further Board decisions are made about the program. Director Kerwin made a motion to limit the turf replacement program to \$2,500 per replacement project, motion seconded by Director Miller. The motion failed with 3 opposed (Directors Trueblood, Williams and Erickson) and 2 for (Directors Kerwin and Miller)

Director Williams applauded the turf replacement project currently being done by the Reserve and thanked the representatives of the Reserve for coming to the meeting.

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The Board asked Ms. Nicholson to get a list of turf replacement project applications from the ERWSD for discussion at the next EMD Board meeting.

Director Trueblood stated that he would share the concerns and discussion the EMD Board has about the use of herbicides in the turf replacement rebate program with the UERWA Board.

Director Miller made a motion to have Director Trueblood express to ERWSD's and UERWA's Water Conservation Committee that EMD is not in favor of using toxic chemicals as a part of the turf replacement program. Director Williams seconded the motion and it was unanimously

RESOLVED to have Director Trueblood express to the Water Conservation Committee that the EMD is not in favor of using any toxic chemicals (i.e. noxious weed killers) as a part of the turf replacement program.

Adjournment

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

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting of the Edwards Metropolitan District Board of Directors this 25th day of May, 2023

Respectfully submitted,



Kendra Nicholson
Recording Secretary for the Meeting