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Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors Edwards Metropolitan District July 15, 2021

A Regular (Zoom) Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Edwards Metropolitan District, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on July 15, 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:

- Joanna Kerwin, Edwards Resident
- Kris Miller, Edwards Resident
- Rickie Davies, Eagle County Engineering
- Tracy Erickson, Homestead
- Ken Marchetti, Marchetti & Weaver, LLC
- Meghan Hayes, 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 July 15, 2021 at 12:01 p.m. noting a quorum was present.

**Changes to the
Agenda**

Director Reilly requested that a discussion about House Bill 2110-75 be added to the legal section of the meeting and a board member discussion item related to the trees at Berry Creek Middle School.

Public Input There was no public input at this time.

Legal

House Bill 2110-75 was signed into law. This bill replaces the term “Illegal Alien” with “Worker without Authorization” as it relates to public contracts for services. Director Reilly requested that all future District agreements be updated to reflect this update. Mr. Marchetti will pass this request on to Jim Collins, Legal Counsel, for future contracts.

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West Edwards Highway 6 Improvements Update

Rickie Davies, Eagle County Engineering, gave the Board an update on the Highway 6 West Edwards Improvements project. He reported that FHU, design engineer, held a Field Inspection Review (FIR) 30% design meeting on June 1st. The conceptual design is for the corridor between the Mobile Home Park and Squaw Creek with the intersection at Hillcrest to be designed all the way to construction documents. The first cost estimate that FHU provided for a roundabout at Hillcrest drive was around \$5M. After this meeting, their estimate significantly increased to \$8M. The primary factors driving this increase are:

1. Design using curb and gutters which require retaining walls
2. Relocating the bike path from along the river to along the road and
3. Designing with large right of ways and deflection.

Mr. Davies went back to FHU and asked them to address these issues and he is hopeful that the estimated cost will come back down to a more reasonable amount. Mr. Davies also reported that FHU is asking for an additional \$205,000 to complete the design. Monies that have already been earmarked for final design will be used before additional funding is requested. Mr. Davies will continue to keep the Board updated on any significant changes or funding requests.

The Board asked what the anticipated construction date would be. Mr. Davies reported that the earliest the construction could begin is 2023 as there is right of way and utility work that will need to be done first.

The Board expressed authorization for Edwards' share of the increased engineering costs when received.

Resolution Supporting Healthy Rivers and Watersheds

Ms. Hayes presented a Resolution in Support of Healthy Rivers and Watersheds. After discussion and by motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the resolution and directed Ms. Hayes to send it to the Eagle River Watershed Council

Project Status Update

Ms. Hayes presented an update on several projects that the District is involved in. She reported that a meeting between Walking Mountains and Holy Cross was held to

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discuss potential partnerships for Climate Action programs, rebates and grants. This will be discussed as a Board member discussion item.

Ms. Hayes reported that she received a call from Senator Hickenlooper's office about the grant the District applied for related to the Miller Ranch Lighting Project. We have passed the initial review and are in the running to receive the funds. There is no time frame on their decision but this was welcomed news. She also reported that she is continuing to follow up with other funding partners on their status.

The Log Cabin Occupancy & the Old Edwards Estates Pond fencing repair have had no movement since the last meeting.

Lastly, she is working with Berry Creek Middle School to move forward with the totem poles. It was determined that this would end up being a 2022 budget expense as it is a project for the graduating 8th graders.

2022 Proposed Climate Action

Programs Ms. Hayes presented the ideas that came out of the meeting with Walking Mountains and Holy Cross. It was determined that providing funds to partner organizations, instead of trying to take on the administration of these programs, was the most efficient way. Covering the cost to homeowners for energy audits, direct installs during these audits, providing incentives to homeowners to actually complete suggested updates from the energy audits, composting, electric vehicle charging stations and climate grants were discussed. The Board was supportive of all these ideas and directed Ms. Hayes to continue to work with partner organizations to get these programs set up for 2022.

Minutes The Board reviewed the June 17, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes. By motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the June 17, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

Accounts Payable

The Board reviewed the July 2021 accounts payable list. Ms. Hayes noted that the payment to ECO Trails was voided as this invoice was paid in 2020.

RESOLVED to ratify the July 2021 accounts payable list with the deletion of the ECO Trails payment.

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Financial Statements Mr. Marchetti presented the June 2021 financials with no questions or concerns from the Board.

Sales Tax May 2021 sales tax information is continuing to come in higher than budgeted.

UERWA Update Director Woodworth reported the Jouflas parcel in Wolcott was recently purchased. This land comes with water rights so they do not expect an issue with water rights.

Mountain Recreation Capital Funding Update An update from Janet Bartnik was provided in the board packet. Kris Miller, Edwards Resident, expressed her concerns about the way Mountain Recreation is promoting the election for funding for these projects. She feels that Mountain Recreation is not being transparent in their messaging about the increase to their mill levy. There was discussion about the Edwards Metro District allowing Mountain Recreation a table at the Band by the River Series. The District stands by its decision to allow the table but agreed that they would speak to Mountain Recreation to ensure that their messaging is appropriate and that their employees are not encouraging people to vote for this mill levy increase but rather to inform the public the facts about the requested funding.

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 15th day of July, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Hayes

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Recording Secretary for the Meeting