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Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors Edwards Metropolitan District July 20, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Edwards Metropolitan District, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on July 20, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. in person at the Edwards Field House at 450 Miller Ranch Road, 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
- Todd Goulding, Goulding Development Advisors (Zoom)
- Greg Schroeder, McDowell Engineering
- Kevin Murphy, East West Partners (Zoom)
- Deron Dirksen – SGM (Zoom)
- Nina Timm, Berry Creek Metro Manager (Zoom)
- Lisa Reeder, Vail Valley Soccer Tournament (Zoom)
- Cliff Thompson, PR Representative
- Teri Lester, Edwards Rotary President
- Chris Iacovetto, Eagle County Sheriff

**Call To
Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Edwards Metropolitan District was called to order by Director Kerwin on July 20, 2023 at 12:01 p.m. noting a quorum was present.

**Conflicts of
Interest**

On file

**Changes to the
Agenda**

None

Public Input

None

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Miller Ranch

Lighting Mr. Goulding reported the pole bases and conduit have been installed. The poles and fixtures are scheduled for delivery in August and the project is expected to be completed by the end of August. Mr. Goulding is working on plans for future phases to present at the next Board meeting. The progress billing for work completed to date was just received after the Board packet was sent out but was circulated to the Board prior to the meeting. By motion made by Director Williams and seconded by Director Trueblood it was unanimously

RESOLVED to add the Miller Ranch Road Pedestrian Lighting Project Draw No. 3 for TriPhase Electric in the amount of \$148,419.34 and Goulding Development Advisors in the amount of \$4,650 to the July accounts payable list.

EVRTA Director Kerwin reported she attended the EVRTA board meeting this month and setup is moving more slowly than anticipated. Town of Eagle is not part of the fare-free zone and would like to be, so that is being evaluated. The EVRTA is looking into outsourcing the setup of the new systems, including technology and potentially even the buses.

Traffic Study Update

Greg Schroeder reported the traffic count has been completed and processed. They are in the process of setting a leadership team up. The leadership team being considered include representatives from EVTRA, Eagle County Engineering, Eagle County Sheriff's Department, Eagle River Fire, Homestead HOA, Miller Ranch HOA, Edwards Metro District and Berry Creek Metro District.

Pedestrian Flashing Beacons

Director Williams reported the project is finally getting started and the poles will be delivered this week. CMC has given permission for the end of their parking lot to be used for construction staging. September 1st is the date scheduled for installation to begin. There was a discussion about the funding requests that have been made and the total cost of the project. The Board came to the conclusion that Berry Creek will be asked for \$40,000.

Sidewalk Project

Deron Dircksen of SGM stated that the internal meetings have been completed, next step is a field survey. The engineers will start working on the design as well. They will be coordinating with Eagle County and neighboring organizations. This information is included in the board memo that was distributed in the Board meeting packet. Ground Engineering will be completing a soils study. Mr. Dircksen then

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presented the proposal sent by Ground Engineering that totals \$8,800. By motion made by Director Trueblood and seconded by Director Williams it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve of the Ground Engineering proposal in the amount of \$8,800.

**West End
Update**

Mr. Murphy introduced himself. He stated that the Eagle County comment responses are still in the works. They are also making their way through the County process. A Planning Commission meeting will be the next step. He described the deed restriction process that Timber Ridge has been going through that restricts the units to rental for employees only. He stated they are looking into possibly using the same model for the West End.

**Public
Relations**

Cliff Thompson stated that he is looking for input from the Board on what they are looking for help with so he can create a proposal. Director Williams would like to increase the public's awareness of Edwards Metro District and how the District is set up as a metropolitan district rather than as an incorporated town. Director Erickson echoed that statement. Director Kerwin stated the District has many great projects going on but the public is not aware of many of the things the District has been accomplishing. Director Erickson stated he would like to see regular email blasts or newsletters distributed to constituents. Director Trueblood asked how awareness could be measured to gauge progress. Mr. Thompson said he will work on a proposal to present to the Board.

Funding Request

For VVST

Lisa Reeder presented the Vail Valley Soccer Tournament funding request. The tournament takes place Sept 30 – Oct. 1st. She expects they will sell out the team slots for this year. Last year the District contributed on the \$2,500 level, \$3,000 this year is the same Platinum level. Ms. Reeder went over the details of what this would include. The Board let her know they will be discussing the funding contribution and will get back to her when they reach a decision.

**Edwards
Rotary Funding
Request**

Teri Lester, the Edwards Rotary president, presented a funding request intended to bring awareness to Edwards. Rotary is hosting a pot luck dinner at Riverwalk on Aug 16th. She requested a \$500 sponsorship from the District. The sponsorship includes one table at the inner, a logo on the website, a banner at the event, and recognition of Edwards Metro as a sponsor. The event is being held on Aug 16th.

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Edwards Roundabout

Drought Tolerant

Landscaping Chris Dudar went over the Drought Tolerant Landscaping project East West is currently in the process of completing at the Edwards station. He stated Edwards Station is currently responsible for a portion of the watering and upkeep of the roundabout on the South side of I70. Mr. Dudar requested that EMD consider similar changes to the public landscaping. The Board discussed what the changes would be since much of the landscaping in the public area was designed with water conservation in mind and there is not much irrigated sod in the public areas. There was also a discussion about the ERWSD billing and the increase in the amount due, noting both the usage and the billing rates have increased. Ms. Nicholson will distribute the billing from the last few years to the Board members for review. Ms. Miller stated that she is against any changes to the roundabouts because they are the first thing visitors see when they get off of the highway and she likes the way they look now. The ask from Edwards Station is to analyze the water usage as a participant in the cost of the irrigation.

Water Update

Director Trueblood went over the proposed billing changes the water district is evaluating. A tier structure is being proposed to change the billing so it will be universal for all tiers. If they do make the change the tiers would be based on 6,000 gallons per tier. Under the proposed new structure there will no longer be larger quantities permitted in the base tier for larger homes. As additional information becomes available it will be disseminated to the Board.

Short Term

Rental Unit

Registration There is no update at this time.

Funding Request

Update Miller

Ranch Rd

Lighting Director Kerwin stated she will follow up with Vail Health and Mountain Recreation about contributions to the project.

Director Update

Director Trueblood stated he doesn't have anything to add.

Director Williams said it's good to finally see the flashing beacons scheduled for installation. He said Eagle County does not have any recycling events planned since the landfill is so accessible. He's looking to get permission to use the recycling area for a recycling event and will reach out to Mountain Rec to coordinate with them.

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Director Erickson asked about the split rail fence in Old Edwards Estates. Mr. Marchetti met with James Fitz on site and he will be weed whacking and trimming the bushes around the fence. He will also be scheduling the fencing repairs as soon as he has an opening for it on his crews' schedule. There was also a discussion about the bridges in that area as well. Director Erickson also mentioned the roundabout curbs that need to be cleaned up, recognizing that they are CDOT's responsibility. He stated that there are weeds and debris around the off ramp from I70. He would like to hire someone to clean up this area.

Director Miller stated she was wondering about the level 2 survey that was on the sign at the roundabout. Director Williams stated that it was a survey of the power and has been completed. He will touch base on the timing of the project. She expressed concern about the trash cans at the Wilmore Lake rest area off of I70 that are not bear proof. She talked to CPW and asked for a reach out to CDOT to replace with bear proof cans. Mr. Marchetti will follow up.

Director Kerwin stated that she is happy that many projects are being completed. She requested that she be added to the distribution of the Land Referral requests. Ms. Nicholson stated that she will put in a request.

Minutes The Board reviewed the June 15, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes. There were edits suggested by Director Trueblood.
By motion made by Director Erickson and seconded by Director Williams it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the June 15, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes with the suggested edits

**Accounts
Payable
List**

The Board reviewed the July accounts payable list and by motion made by Director Trueblood and seconded by Director Williams it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the July accounts payable list with the added Miller Ranch Road Pedestrian Lighting Draw No. 3.

**Preliminary
Financial
Statements**

The Board discussed the preliminary June 30th financial statements. Director Trueblood stated that the income is trending favorably due to higher interest rates. Sales tax is trending favorably as well. He's interested to see if there will be a

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reduction in sales tax in July. He also reviewed the capital projects and expects some of the projects to be moved forward to 2024. By motion made by Director Erickson and seconded by Director Williams it was unanimously

RESOLVED to accept the June 30th, 2023 financial statements as presented.

Audit Director Trueblood reported he met with the auditor and he had suggested an edit based on the recently completed Upper Eagle River Water Authority audit report. The audit report was a “clean” opinion and very straight forward. He found the field work done to be efficient. There were no adjustments made by the auditors. The Board approved the audit report as the last meeting, subject to Mr. Trueblood meeting with the auditors and now that has been completed the audit report can be finalized and filed with the State Auditor’s office.

Mill Levy Rates Mr. Marchetti stated that a meeting is being planned to have a County wide discussion about the 2024 Mill Levy rates. Scheduling is the biggest hurdle. The Districts with the largest property tax collections are the School District, Eagle County, Fire District, Ambulance District, Mountain Rec, Library District, and several smaller taxing entities.

Executive Session Director Kerwin announced the need for an executive session for the purpose of considering contributions requested during the meeting. By motion made by Director Williams and seconded by Director Erickson it was unanimously

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

Following conclusion of the Executive Session, the Board returned to public session.

Rotary Contribution The Board decided to donate \$500 to the Rotary potluck to raise awareness of the District and its functions but no table is needed. By motion made by Director Williams and seconded by Director Erickson, with Director Trueblood and Director Kerwin abstaining due to their involvement in the Rotary, Directors Miller, Tracy and Williams all voting to approve

RESOLVED to contribute \$500 to the Rotary potluck with no table needed but with the District’s logo to be included on the website for the event, a

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banner to be displayed at the event and recognition of Edwards Metro as a sponsor.

Vail Valley Soccer Tournament

Sponsorship The Board decided to sponsor the Vail Valley Soccer Tournament at \$3,000. By motion made by Director Williams and seconded by Director Kerwin it was unanimously

RESOLVED to sponsor \$3,000 to the Vail Valley Soccer Tournament in recognition of the economic activity the event brings to the Edwards area.

Adjournment

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

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting of the Edwards Metropolitan District Board of Directors this 20th day of July, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Kendra Nicholson
Recording Secretary for the Meeting