# Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors Edwards Metropolitan District August 17, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Edwards Metropolitan District, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on August 17, 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 (by Zoom)
- Joanna Kerwin (By Zoom)
- Todd Williams (By Zoom)
- Mike Trueblood
- Tracy Erickson

Also in attendance were:

- Ken Marchetti, Marchetti & Weaver, LLC
- Kendra Nicholson, (by Zoom)
- Todd Goulding, Goulding Development Advisors
- Brad Johnson and Lizzy Owens, Mountain Rec
- Mick Woodworth, Eagle River Fire and Resident
- Kevin Murphy, East West Partners (Zoom)
- Deron Dircksen SGM (Zoom)
- Nina Timm, Berry Creek Metro Manager (Zoom)
- Sherri Hahn, Walking Mountains
- Kevin Sharkey and Robin Thompson, Eagle Valley Trail
- Deb Forsline and Linda Guerrette, The Reserve HOA

# Call To

**Order** The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Edwards Metropolitan District was called to order by Director Kerwin on August 17, 2023 at 12:00 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 distributed a written report indicating that Phase 1 of the Miller Ranch Road Pedestrian Lighting project is on schedule and on budget. The poles and fixtures for Phase 1 have been delivered and are being assembled. Phase I is expected to be operational by the end of August.

Mr. Goulding submitted a conceptual budget for Phases 2 and 3 with anticipated total soft and hard costs of \$928,580. The Board directed Mr. Goulding to proceed with the design for Phases 2 and 3 and expressed interest in obtaining construction bids and completing those phases in 2023 if possible.

### Sidewalk

**Project** Deron Dircksen of SGM reported that the survey has been substantially completed for the Edwards Village Loop sidewalk, that he has been coordinating with Rickie Davies with Eagle County Engineering Department and that they are proceeding with the design. Mr. Dircksen will coordinate with the various HOAs that will be impacted by the construction.

# Edwards Sign

#### Home of Mikaela

**Shiffrin** The "Home of Mikaela Shiffrin" sign has been installed but hasn't been unveiled yet pending the unveiling ceremony. The unveiling is tentatively scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on August 30.

#### **Pedestrian Crossings**

Flashing

**Beacons** Director Williams reported the pedestrian crossings flashing beacon project is continuing to move forward. Director Erickson indicated that Homestead can use any signs that will be replaced as a part of the project.

## CDOT

**Update** Director Kerwin reported she spoke with John Kronholm with CDOT and he agrees we have a gravel issue. He also acknowledged the broken and missing curbs and he is getting his crosswalk striping team on the schedule.

## UERWA

**Update** Director Trueblood reported that the Water Authority met today and the Water Conservation Sub Committee met following the Authority meeting. Discussion included water augmentation needs, pending development projects and how much water is expected to be required and when. He also reported on continued discussions related to the proposed new tier structure and that as the details become available they will be disseminated.

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**EVTA** Directors Kerwin and Williams attended the Eagle Valley Transportation Authority board meeting this month. Meetings will be from noon to 2:00 on the second Wednesday of the month in the future. Eco Transit is still struggling with staffing issues and inoperable buses (especially the electric buses) but are being as proactive as possible in addressing the issues. Sales tax revenues continue to be collected as expected.

## West End

Update Mr. Murphy reported that they are about ready to resubmit their application with changes requested by the Planning Department. He reported that they still need construction cost numbers before they will be prepared to sell any units to local businesses.

## **Walking Mountains**

## **Community Film**

Series Sherri Hahn attended the meeting to present a funding request for the Community Film series but had another commitment and had to leave. This request will be considered in executive session.

### Eagle Valley Trail Funding Request

Kevin Sharkey and Robin Thompson reported that EMD's initial contribution commitment last year was the catalyst to jump start the fund raising campaign and they are requesting a similar commitment this year. Mr. Sharkey also reported that the asphalt cracks are scheduled to be filled in September at the two Homestead spurs in Edwards, CO and that the trail striping is in the works. The Board will consider the funding request in executive session.

## **Ice Rink Funding**

**Request** Lizzy Owens reported that they started the outdoor ice rink four years ago and thanked the Board for EMD's strong support from the inception. It has become a beloved amenity to the community and they have been able to continue to expand the use of the rink. She reported the rink is operated by volunteers. They are continuing to work to address the leveling issues with the second rink but they need additional funding for the leveling. For this year they are requesting a \$5,000 contribution from EMD to go toward operating costs. They will provide recognition to EMD with signage. The Board will consider this request in executive session.

#### **Other Funding**

**Requests** Director Kerwin has a call in to Vail Health for funding for the pedestrian crossings beacons and is waiting for a call back.

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# Reserve HOA Turf Replacement

**Project** Deb Forsline and Linda Guerrette from the Reserve HOA attended the meeting to report that the Reserve has completed the turf replacement project, replacing 22,309 square feet of turf, all of which is more than 75 feet from the river so it is all eligible for reimbursement. They have received reimbursement from Eagle River Water and Sanitation District. ERWSD did not require them to submit receipts in order to receive payment which is consistent with the program as it was defined when the project was started. The Board approved the Reserve HOA's request for \$22,309 reimbursement (\$1 per sq/ft) and moving forward some stipulations will be set for approval.

## **Director Update**

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

Director Trueblood reported that Eagle County has committed \$125,000 for the Miller Ranch Road pedestrian lighting project and Eagle County plans to submit an agreement to Edwards Metro District for approval.

Director Williams said next month he will have something to report on demonstration gardens for xeriscape/Colorado-scape landscaping that will be more water efficient.

Director Miller – nothing additional

Director Kerwin reported she will be attending the SDA convention and she thanked all the Board members for all they have been doing as Directors.

**Minutes** The Board reviewed the July 20, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes. Director Trueblood had edits which he reported to the Board and forwarded to Ms. Nicholson. By motion made by Director Erickson and seconded by Director Williams it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** to approve the July 20, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes with the suggested edits.

#### Accounts Pavable

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

**RESOLVED** to approve the August accounts payable list as submitted.

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Preliminary Financial	
Statements	The Board reviewed the preliminary July 31, 2023 financial statements. By motion made by Director Erickson and seconded by Director Williams it was unanimously
	<b>RESOLVED</b> to accept the July 31, 2023 financial statements as presented.
Mill Levy Rates	Mr. Marchetti stated that a meeting is being planned for September 13 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 contribution requests during the meeting. By motion made by Director Trueblood and seconded by Director Williams 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.
Eagle Valley Trail	Eagle Valley Trail – by motion made by Director Williams, second by Director Miller it was unanimously. <b>RESOLVED</b> to pledge \$50,000 toward completion of the Eagle Valley Trail.
	The Board also requested that Mr. Sharkey and Ms. Thompson be invited to the next Board meeting to discuss trail maintenance.

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#### **Mountain Rec**

Ice Rink By motion made by Director Miller, second by Director Williams with Directors Miller, Williams and Trueblood voting aye and Directors Erickson and Kerwin abstaining, it was

**RESOLVED** to contribute \$2,500 to the first sheet of ice now and an additional \$2,500 upon completion of the second sheet of ice.

The Board requested website recognition and a link on the Mountain Rec website in recognition of EMD's contribution.

#### **Walking Mountains**

#### **Community Film**

Series By motion made by Director Erickson, second by Director Trueblood it was unanimously resolved to approve a contribution to the Film Festival at the APEX level of \$2,500.

#### Adjournment

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

**RESOLVED** to adjourn the meeting of the Edwards Metropolitan District Board of Directors this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Marchetti Recording Secretary for the Meeting