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### Minutes of the Special (Zoom) Meeting Of the Board of Directors Edwards Metropolitan District August 20, 2020

A Special (Zoom) Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Edwards Metropolitan District, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on August 20, 2020 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:

- Chris Romer, Vail Valley Partnership
- Melanie Smith, Eagle River Watershed Council
- Jim Collins, Collins, Cockrel & Cole
- Ken Marchetti, Marchetti & Weaver, LLC
- Meghan Hayes, Recording Secretary for the meeting

#### **Call To Order**

The Special (Zoom) Meeting of the Board of Directors of Edwards Metropolitan District was called to order by Director Reilly on August 20, 2020 at 12:05 p.m. noting a quorum was present.

#### **Changes to the Agenda**

All funding requests were moved to before the business section of the agenda.

**Public Input** There was no public input.

**Legal** There was no legal input at this time.

#### **Vail Valley Partnership Funding Request**

Mr. Romer gave a brief update of the Vail Valley Partnership's 2020 Key Accomplishments and the services it provides. Mr. Romer spoke about all the programs

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the Partnership is involved in with regards to the economic health of our community stemming from the COVID pandemic.

After further discussion Mr. Romer asked if the District would consider continuing their sponsorship of \$7,500 in 2021. The Board discussed the projects and after discussion and by motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** to include \$7,500 in support of the Vail Valley Partnership in the District's 2021 budget.

**Eagle River  
Watershed Council  
Funding  
Request**

The Eagle River Watershed Council (ERWC) is a nonprofit organization formed to keep the rivers and streams healthy in Eagle County. The ERWC has been organizing and hosting an annual county highway cleanup in May of each year, that had to be unfortunately canceled due to COVID in 2020, and a River Cleanup that is being held in September.

Ms. Smith asked if the District would consider a \$1,000 sponsorship for each program in 2021. The coordination of each project requires event marketing, planning, and volunteer recruitment.

The Board discussed the projects and after discussion and by motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** to include \$1,000 in support of the 2021 Eagle River Watershed Council annual highway cleanup project and \$1,000 in support of the 2021 annual river cleanup project in the District's 2021 budget.

**Climate Action  
Collaborative  
Funding  
Request**

Ms. Kim Schlaepfer provided a written update on the Climate Action Collaborative's 2020 accomplishments and future goals of the five Working Groups within the organization. The Collaborative is asking for a 2021 funding request of \$5,000 to support the continued work to cut climate pollution and maintain the health of the environment and economy. The Board discussed the projects and after discussion and by motion duly made and seconded it was

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**RESOLVED** to include \$5,000 in support of the Climate Action Collaborative in the District's 2021 budget.

**Draft  
District  
Operations  
Plan**

After the Board Work Session in July, Ms. Hayes update the District's Operations plan to include all of the projects that were identified during the work session. Director Williams requested a small verbiage addition to each that ensured that this plan was not limited to only those projects identified. Director Heide requested that the Old Edwards Estates Pond be added to the section on recreational projects. After discussion, the board determined that additional verbiage would be added to the Pond under the section related to the land owned by the District. With no further discussion, by motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** to approve Operations Plans with the above verbiage changes by Directors Williams and Heide.

**McDowell  
Engineering  
Proposal**

At the June meeting, the intersection of Miller Ranch Road and Highway 6 was discussed as a potential traffic level of service issue. Ms. Hayes was directed to research possible solutions. In doing so, she requested a proposal from McDowell Engineering about doing a traffic study at this intersection. After discussion, the Board concluded there is too much uncertainty now with remote vs in-person learning and that will have an impact on traffic patterns and decided to delay the traffic study until there is a more normal school schedule. This will be added to the October meeting agenda to discuss further then.

**Minutes**

The Board reviewed the July 16, 2020 Special Meeting minutes. Director Heide requested that it be clarified that she was opposed to the Vail Valley Marketing Campaign funding request rather than the Mountain Recreation Movie night request. By motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED** to approve the July 16, 2020 Special Meeting minutes with the inclusion of the above updates provided by Director Heide.

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#### Accounts

##### Payable

The Board reviewed the August accounts payable list. After discussion and by motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** to approve the August 2020 accounts payable list as presented.

#### Old Edwards

##### Estates Pond

##### Update

Director Heide and Ms. Hayes reported to the Board about a meeting that took place with several Old Edwards Estates community members who are interested in creating a more usable area as opposed to letting the pond go back to native. Ted Johnson, Edwards Excavating, reported that he believes he would be able to dredge the pond silt and use it on-site to create a berm and pathway around the pond for the \$60,000 that the District has budgeted. He then proposed to create a silt pond upstream to ensure the pond remains usable for the community. Ms. Hayes requested that Mr. Johnson prepare a proposal for the entire project including construction, landscaping and annual maintenance costs so that the Board can have a full picture of the scope of the entire project and not just the first piece, which would be the dredging.

#### UERWA &

##### ERWSD

##### Potential

##### Merger

Director Woodworth reported to the Board that there are discussions happening between Upper Eagle Regional Water Authority and Eagle River Water and Sanitation District about potentially merging the Authority into ERWSD. The talks are preliminary and Director Woodworth will continue to attend those meetings as the Edwards Metro Representative and report back to the Board with any updates.

#### 2021 Log

##### Cabin

##### Operations

Ms. Hayes reported that she will be meeting with Mark Blickenstaff, a community member who is interested in potentially helping at the Log Cabin next summer a few days a week. Director Heide requested that she be present for this meeting. Ms. Hayes will have more to report at the September meeting.

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#### **Brett Ranch**

#### **PUD**

#### **Tract J**

Mr. Marchetti suggested the District look into potentially accepting fill dirt from people, mostly construction companies, to dump on the site to help raise mor of the area out of the flood plain. The concept would be to charge a tipping fee which could then be used to pay to revegetate the area and build it up into usable land instead of it remaining in the flood plain. After discussion, the Board directed Mr. Marchetti to proceed with researching a plan to move forward.

#### **Financial**

#### **Statements**

Mr. Marchetti presented the July 31, 2020 financial statements noting there were no significant updates to report. After discussion and by motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** to accept the District's July 2020 financial statements as presented.

#### **Sales Tax**

#### **Update**

Mr. Marchetti reported that Sales Tax has continued to come in more favorable than previously anticipated. He will re-evaluate the 2020 forecast after the July sales tax report is received next month.

#### **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 Special (Zoom) Meeting of the Edwards Metropolitan District Board of Directors this 20th day of August, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

*Meghan Hayes*

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Recording Secretary for the Meeting