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Minutes of the Special (Zoom) Meeting Of the Board of Directors Edwards Metropolitan District October 15, 2020

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

- Debbie Marquez, Edwards Resident
- Tracy Erickson, Homestead
- Jim Pyke, Homestead
- Zak Grabowski, Homestead
- Bill Simmons, Eagle River Fire Protection District
- Kristin Kenney Williams, Commfluent Inc.
- Joanna Kerwin, Edwards Resident
- 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 October 15, 2020 at 12:05 p.m. noting a quorum was present.

Changes to the

Agenda

The following items were added to the Board Member discussion:

- Update on the Urban Land Institute from Eagle County
- Update on the Eagle County Comprehensive Plan
- Letter of Support for White River National Forest Land Acquisition

Public Input There was no public input.

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Legal There was no legal input at this time.

**Vail Valley
Lacrosse Club
Funding
Request**

Dave Smiley, VVLC, submitted a written funding request that was included in the Board packet. The Lacrosse Club was unable to hold their Spring Lax Jam in Edwards this year due to the COVID pandemic. The Spring Lax Jam is the Club's single largest fundraising event of the year. The cancellation of the event has led the club into a deficit. They are requesting funding to help them get to the 2021 Spring Lax Jam. The Board decided to discuss this funding request in Executive Session.

**Resolution
of Support
ERFPD
Ballot Issue**

A Bill Simmons asked the Board to consider supporting the Eagle River Fire Protection District's Ballot Issue A in this November's election. The ballot is to de-Gallagherize the Fire District to enable them to adjust their mill levy rate to remain at current funding levels. Director Woodworth abstained from the vote. After discussion and by motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve a Resolution of Support for Eagle River Fire Protection District's Ballot Issue A.

**Simmons
Amended
& Restated
Irrigation Letter
Agreement**

In April of 2020, the District entered into an agreement with the Simmons', 43 Wellington Lane, to irrigate the new trees that were planted along the west side of Old County road. The original agreement was for 11 trees. After meetings with several residents, it was determined that 18 trees would be planted. Since there are additional trees to irrigate, the District prepared an Amended and Re-Styled Letter Agreement increasing the payments to the Simmons for water usage from \$162/season to \$220/season. After discussion and by motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

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RESOLVED to approve the Amended and Restated Irrigation Agreement with Mr. & Ms. Simmons

**Edwards
Village Blvd
Traffic
Study**

Tracy Erickson, Homestead, requested to have a speed study done on Edwards Village Blvd. Their community has noticed that with the increased amount of traffic, they are finding that cars are speeding through their community and with the lack of sidewalks, it becomes very dangerous. Eagle County conducted a speed study but Mr. Erickson and the Homestead community found the report lacking in information. Mr. Erickson requested that the Edwards Metro District reach out to the County to request a more robust study of this area, one that included previous years data for comparison. After discussion, the Board agreed that a new study with additional information is in the best interest for our community and will proceed with the request to Eagle County.

**McDowell
Engineering
Miller Ranch Rd
Highway 6**

Intersection 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 continued discussion from the August meeting, the Board still 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, potentially in Spring 2021.

2021 Contract

Renewals The 2021 contract for snow plowing services with Premier Landscapes was included in the board packet for the Board to review. Ms. Hayes reviewed the updated scope of services for the 2020-2021 season which includes additional amounts for hand shoveling and ice mitigation underneath the new Spur Road bridge over the Eagle River. After discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the 2021 Premier Landscaping agreement.

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The 2021 contract for Fitz Landscaping was included in the board packet for the Board to review. Ms. Hayes reviewed the updated scope of services for the 2021 season which includes the new Highway 6 roundabout and Spur Road medians. After discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the 2021 Fitz Landscaping agreement.

Consideration of Support for Ballot Issue

7A

A resolution of support of Ballot Issue 7A- Colorado River Water Conservation District was presented to the Board. This ballot issue is asking the voters for a mill levy tax increase to help the River District offset the declining revenues from the impacts of the Gallagher amendment. It is critical to the people of Western Colorado that the Colorado River District continue to be a strong and effective voice on water matters affecting the water users in that area. After discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve a Resolution of Support for Colorado River Water Conservation District Ballot Issue 7A.

Minutes

The Board reviewed the September 17, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes. Director Trueblood requested that it be noted that he departed just as Executive Session was coming to an end. By motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the September 17, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes with the one update provided by Director Trueblood.

Accounts Payable

The Board reviewed the October accounts payable list and by motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the October 2020 accounts payable list as presented.

Berlaimont Estates Access

Route

Berlaimont Estates is a privately owned 600-acre parcel of land surrounded by the White River National Forest Service located on the ridge north of Edwards. The owner had

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submitted a Proponent's Proposed Action that would result in the issuance of authorization to construct a new road and maintain and use existing roads on the National Forest land and Berlaimont Estates private property. The White River National Forest-Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District has released a final Environmental Impact Statement and draft Record of Decision, both of which were included for the board to review in the packet. In 2018, the Edwards Metro District submitted a letter in opposition of this project. The Board directed Ms. Hayes to send that letter again as the Boards position has not changed

**Urban Land
Institute
Eagle County
Report**

Director Reilly requested that Ms. Hayes reach out to Eagle County regarding their report on the Urban Land Institute's findings from their study of West Edwards that was performed almost a year ago.

**White River
National Forest
Land**

Acquisition The White River National Forest is submitting an application for a national competition to secure Land and Water Conservation Funds to purchase the State Land Board's Arrowhead Tract. This parcel provides significant recreational connectivity and access between the unincorporated town of Edwards, a stranded USFS parcel (the "T"), and the larger White River National Forest (Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District). The property is in close proximity to the mountain resort communities of Edwards and Avon, and the heavily visited Beaver Creek Resort (Arrowhead Village). This project will improve non-motorized connectivity for recreation users on USFS lands south of Edwards, and will restore a popular loop trail between the Homestead residential community and Beaver Creek Resort known as the "A-10" trail. After discussion and by motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to draft a letter of support for the White River National Forest.

**Eagle County
Comprehensive
Plan
Update**

Mr. Marchetti informed the board that Eagle County has started the process of updating the Eagle County Comprehensive Plan and that process is beginning at a staff/committee level and ultimately will be presented to the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners. There will also be opportunities for review and input by

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organizations like EMD. Mr. Marchetti is participating on a Placemaking subcommittee for this process.

Financial Statements

By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

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

2021 Budget Hearing

The September 17, 2020 meeting was published as the public budget hearing and the budget hearing was continued to the October meeting. Mr. Marchetti reviewed the District's 2021 budget numbers. Director Reilly requested that the budget number for sponsorships be increased to \$30,000 in order to support the Community Food Bank. The Board agreed and after discussion and by motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the resolution, a copy of which is incorporated herein by this reference, to adopt the 2021 budget, subject to the change reflected above and minor adjustments which may result from the final certification of assessed values;

FURTHER RESOLVED to approve the resolution to certify 1.691 mills for operations;

FURTHER RESOLVED to approve the resolution to appropriate funds for spending in 2021.

Sales Tax Update

Mr. Marchetti reported that Sales Taxes have continued to come in more favorable than previously anticipated.

Executive Session

By motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

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

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The Board came out of Executive Session at 2:40 p.m. and by motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve a \$1,500 funding request for Vail Valley Lacrosse Club as a one-time contribution as a result of the COVID pandemic.

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 15th day of October, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Hayes

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Recording Secretary for the Meeting