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Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors Edwards Metropolitan District November 10, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Edwards Metropolitan District, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on November 10, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. in person 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:

- Mike Trueblood
- Joanna Kerwin (via Zoom)
- Tracy Erickson
- Kara Heide
- Todd Williams

Also in attendance were:

- Kris Miller, Edwards Resident
- Ken Marchetti, Marchetti & Weaver, LLC
- Kendra Nicholson, Recording Secretary for the meeting
- Mick Woodworth, UERWA Representative
- Siri Roman, ERWSD
- Linn Brooks, ERWSD
- Allison Ebbets, ERWSD
- Laura Bohannon (Zoom), Eagle County Conservation District
- Jessica Foulis, EVLT

**Call To
Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Edwards Metropolitan District was called to order by Director Heide on November 10, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. noting a quorum was present.

**Changes to the
Agenda**

None

Public Input

Siri Roman, Linn Brooks and Allison Ebbets from ERWSD announced Linn Brook's retirement, Siri Roman introduced herself and stated she has been selected to assume the General Manger role. Director Heide discussed the coordination with the EMD and stated that the Board members are all concerned with water conservation. They also introduced Allison Ebbets, ERWSD's Water Coordinator. They were asking for ideas and assistance on communicating the need for water conservation and the turf removal rebate program to the public. Ms. Brooks stated that they are in the process of identifying qualified (QWEL certified) landscape

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professionals to assist homeowners with the process. Ms. Brooks then went through the presentation that outlined the turf replacement rebates and why water conservation is important. She stated that outdoor water use is the largest factor in water consumption because only about 25% of outdoor water used returns to the water supply, as opposed to 95% with indoor water use. All plants have what's called a "Plant Factor" based on the plants' water demand, which computes to a percentage. Native plants are more fire resistant, so they are encouraging the use of these types of plants. Ms. Ebbets then reviewed the process of how to go about applying for the turf replacement rebates and the use of the WaterSmart program. Director Heide said EMD will add information onto the EMD website about the rebate program. Director Trueblood discussed adding funds to the 2023 budget to participate in the program. The Board discussed options for EMD to help match current funding for the rebate program, but didn't come to a conclusion for exactly what that contribution will be at this time. The EMD Board believes it does have funding available in the 2023 budget to participate next year.

Laura Bohannon - Eagle County Conservation District - They are in the process of applying for a turf replacement program grant with the Colorado River District. They are also working with the Colorado Water Conservation Board, ERWSD and the CSU Extension Agency and are matching the volunteer hours given by the other members of this group. They will have experts involved and irrigation analysis training is in the works. Irrigation audits are planned and to provide well trained auditors for both the training and assistance with resident turf replacements. They are looking to involve QWEL(Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper) certified landscapers in the process. They plan to provide rebate programs for both irrigation upgrades and turf replacements in areas where the ERWSD rebates aren't currently covering. There will be a research component with the audits, involving both data collection and analysis. They plan to convert public lands to give examples of what turf replacement can look like. Education outreach to the public is also planned. Ms. Bohannon requested a letter of support from EMD for their grant application.

Jessica Foulis - Eagle Valley Land Trust reported they are in the process of purchasing and ready to close on Wildflower Farm on 11/17/22. They are planning to turn it into a Conservation area. The transition will take place in the next year. It will be a community resource for conservation. She invited the EMD Board Members to the visioning process meeting. She also asked for a comment from the EMD Board for publication in the

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press release. Director Heide said the board is excited to hear about the purchase and the plan and would like to be included in the visioning process.

By motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to include an EMD comment in the EVLT press release.

Director Update

Director Williams: Roundabout ribbons are being painted by the fabricator and next will go to the welder to be installed. The work will be done by Rocky Mountain Fabrication. He's also working with the County to coordinate adding pedestrian lights at the roundabouts by I70 in Edwards. Rickie Davies suggested a list of 10 lights, Director Williams suggested they do every crossing for consistency, so he would like to add more to the list the County provided. He stated they will also need to change out the signage at the intersection as well.

Director Trueblood: For the Miller Ranch lighting project, he's still hoping for Eagle County help with funding for the project. EMD has funds in the budget for the project and has reached out for bids as well. He's finding continued public support for accessibility within the Valley with the new trails etc. He stated that the general feedback he's been getting in reference to new developments is that the appearance is appropriate for the area, and that traffic concerns are also being addressed. He regularly asks the public for input on the issues the Board is in the process of addressing and will continue to bring feedback to the Board.

Directors Erickson & Kerwin: Director Kerwin had a conversation with Carl, the Eagle County planner assigned to the West End and Edwards River Park developments. Eagle County is still in the process of reviewing the submissions, so the info is not on the website. The proposed West End and Beehive projects will go in front of the Planning Commission in 2023.

ECO Trails – Director Kerwin reached out to Kevin Sharkey about the Hwy 6 to Edwards Village Bld section in lower Homestead and the cracks in the pavement. It took several times reaching out to get a response from anyone. The County doesn't seem to be aware of the maintenance and snow removal that needs to be done in the area. There was a discussion about the maps sent over by the County and the plan for sidewalk repairs. There is a meeting planned for later in the month with County

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representatives and two of the EMD Board members, Director Erickson and Director Williams, to discuss and define the responsibilities of the trail and sidewalk maintenance, repairs and upkeep.

UERWA Report

Mr. Woodworth – The EMD Board in the last regular meeting asked if the Water Authority would collect a deposit for new construction up front. This is already being addressed through the water group and they're coming up with a plan going forward to get a deposit from future developments up front.

Mr. Woodworth asked if the EMD Board supports unification. There was a prior discussion about the unification plan and the loss of votes for different entities if the unification does go ahead. Director Erickson asked the Board if anyone is for unification and if so why. Director Williams asked if the representatives could be shifted around so the entities that are concerned about voting rights could still be directly involved. Director Erickson would like more information before making a decision on the subject. Mr. Woodworth said it would be a good idea to bring someone from the water authority to present to the EMD Board about the subject of unification. Mr. Woodworth stated that until Bolts Lake is done, there will be limitations on water availability for new developments being planned. The Board requested that someone come and speak to the Board about the details of the unification proposal and the points for and against. Director Trueblood will coordinate this effort.

Funding and Support Requests:

Eagle County Conservation District Letter of support – Reviewed and presented earlier in the meeting, letter included in the Board packet.

By motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to send the letter of support for ECCD grant application.

ECO Trails Finding Discussion – Director Heide said she would like the contribution for the Eagle Valley Trail construction be conditioned on the needed trail repairs on the existing trail being completed. Director Trueblood said he doesn't see that as necessary. He thinks ECO Trails has done a good job addressing the issues of maintenance on the trail system when they come up. Director Williams agreed with this statement.

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Director Erickson would like a detailed invoice from ECO Trails showing what was accomplished with the contribution. Director Williams said that the contribution for the trail expansion and ongoing maintenance are two separate things. Director Kerwin stated she'd like to send the letter to ECO Trails that Director Heide came up with. She would like to first see a plan for maintenance of the existing trails before sending the funds to ECO Trails. She also explained the issues in getting responses from the ECO Trail County staff members. Ms. Miller suggested holding back a small portion of the funds until the maintenance is addressed. Director Trueblood said it makes sense to hold back any maintenance funding, but not for funding for the new trails. Mr. Marchetti is going to call and talk to Jeff Shroll about the communication issues with the ECO Trails staff.

Rutsu Proposal

Director Williams looked at the Rutsu proposal and map. He suggested accepting the 2023 Rutsu proposal. Director Erickson stated that the timing of the weed spraying should be well managed. There was also public comment about the concern for the runoff to the river. The Board agreed that this concern will be addressed.

By motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the Rutsu 2023 proposal as presented.

Developments

Fox Hollow – The development already went through the PUD approval process for the development to put housing in that area and has been sold to Vail Health.

E-Bike Share Program

Director Heide said she'd like to participate in the Eagle County Ebike Program. Beth Markham from the Town of Vail is currently managing the program. Director Heide asked for the opinion of Board members on the program and gave estimated numbers to the Board to participate in the program. Edwards doesn't currently have e-bike racks in place. She suggested strategic locations throughout Edwards for placement of e-bike racks.

Director Kerwin would like to see the funding split 50-50% with Eagle County. Director Trueblood said he doesn't see the 6 bikes at the price suggested of \$3,000 per bike as being a great value. Director Williams said with this program there's more control and feedback on the e-bike usage than any past rebates done by the District. Director Heide asked for

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Board approval to continue the discussion with Eagle County about EMD partnering in the program. The Board authorized Director Heide to enter into discussions with Eagle County for this program.

2023 Budget

Director Trueblood reported that he has reviewed the 2023 budget. The public hearing for the 2023 budget was opened. Director Trueblood made a motion to adopt the budget with the addition of a \$20,000 contingency in the General Fund and moving \$20,000 for the ice rink expansion project from 2023 into 2022.

The public hearing for the budget was then closed and by motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the 2023 budget resolution with the adjustments discussed above.

Financial Statements

Director Trueblood reviewed the October financial report for the Board. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

RESOLVED to accept the District's October 2022 financial report as presented.

Minutes

Director Heide requested that the minutes show that the report from the Mayors and Managers meeting had been tabled to this meeting and that it will again be tabled to the December meeting. Director Trueblood pointed out some duplications and errors on the funding requests section of the October minutes.

By motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED to approve the October 20, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes with suggested edits.

Accounts Payable

The Board reviewed the adjusted October 2022 accounts payable list discussed and by motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the adjusted October 2022 accounts payable list as presented.

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**Sales Tax
Report**

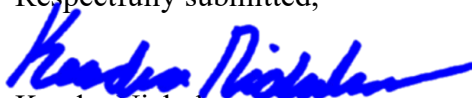
Director Trueblood stated that he had reviewed the sales tax report and it looked good.

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 10th day of November, 2022

Respectfully submitted,



Kendra Nicholson

Recording Secretary for the Meeting