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### Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors Edwards Metropolitan District December 9, 2021

A Regular (Zoom) Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Edwards Metropolitan District, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on December 9, 2021 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:

- Mick Woodworth
- Mike Trueblood
- Beth Reilly
- Todd Williams
- Kara Heide

Also in attendance were:

- Lisa Reeder, Vail Soccer
- Bob Shafer, Arrowhead Metro District
- Kris Miller, Edwards Resident
- Joanna Kerwin, Edwards Resident
- Matt Larson, West End Subdistrict
- Rickie Davies, Eagle County Engineering
- Oliver Skelly, Eagle Valley Land Trust
- Tracy Erickson, Homestead
- Nikki Maline, Walking Mountains Science Center
- David Norris, Eagle River Water & Sanitation District
- Jim Collins, Collins, Cockrel & Cole
- Ken Marchetti, Marchetti & Weaver, LLC
- Kendra Nicholson, Marchetti & Weaver, LLC
- Meghan Hayes, Recording Secretary for the meeting

**Call To  
Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Edwards Metropolitan District was called to order by Director Reilly on December 9, 2021 at 12:05 p.m. noting a quorum was present.

**Changes to the  
Agenda**

The discussion regarding the Arrowhead Roundabout was moved from Board Member Discussion to Business.

**Public Input** Kris Miller requested that the District discuss with Orkin alternative solutions to poison in the eradication of pests from our landscaping. She also requested the District reach out to CDOT about the newly placed EV Charging station sign that

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was put up at the entrance to Riverwalk. She has concerns that the sightline for vehicles turning left is blocked.

**Legal** Currently, Edwards Metro District is represented by Jim Collins of Collins, Cockrel & Cole (“CCC”). CCC is splitting into two separate firms after December 31, 2021. Edwards Metro District has elected to appoint Collins, Cole, Flynn, Winn & Ulmer effective January 1, 2022. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** to engage Collins, Cole, Flynn, Winn & Ulmer to represent the District effective January 1, 2022.

The Board requested feedback from Mr. Collins regarding the Down Payment Assistance program the District is potentially looking into. Mr. Collins notified the Board that in order to move forward with such a program, the service plan would either need to be re-written to include this new service or a 45 Day Notice reflecting this new service be filed. Mr. Collins will draft a 45 Day Notice to review with the Board at the January Meeting.

**West End  
Subdistrict  
Update**

Matt Larson reported that the Consolidated Application for the Loop Road and West End was submitted to Eagle County on 11/24/21. Once the County confirms that it is complete and meets the applicable standards for the acceptance of applications (hopefully in the next week or two), it will be posted online and made public to start its journey through the County review process.

**West Edwards  
Improvements  
Update**

Rickie Davies, Eagle County Engineering, reported to the Board that FHU is requesting additional funding for the West Edwards Improvements Project. Long story short, the roundabout was originally designed for a 50 mph approach speed limit which required a very large and prohibitively expensive (over \$8 million) roundabout. The roundabout can be redesigned based on a 35 mph approach speed and bring the cost down to approximately \$3.2 million but the redesign will cost an additional \$300,000.

Mr. Davies requested that the District fund \$150,000 of these additional engineering costs in accordance with the District’s MOU with the County. After discussion and by motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** to approve additional funding in the amount of \$150,000 for additional engineering costs.

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### **Arrowhead Request for Support Letter**

A letter from the Arrowhead Metro District Board was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. Bob Shafer, Arrowhead Metro District, attended the meeting on behalf of the entire AMD Board. He reported that they have been evaluating solutions and a plan to solve three key issues for the Arrowhead community and for those who access Arrowhead. These are as follows:

- Provide a safer crossing of US Route 6 for pedestrians and bicycles.
- Slow the speeds on US Route 6.
- Provide a safer vehicle ingress and egress from US Route 6 to Arrowhead.

One solution the Arrowhead Metro Board is evaluating is to construct a sidewalk along the south side of Highway 6 from Miller Ranch Road all the way to the East Entrance of Arrowhead. They feel though that a crosswalk would be necessary at the East entrance. The issue with that is that CDOT will not allow a crosswalk at the current 40mph limit. Arrowhead Metro District would like to petition CDOT to review that speed limit and request they lower it to 35mph, which would allow for a crosswalk. They are looking for support for this concept from Edwards Metro District as well as ECO Transit. After discussion and by motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** to approve a letter of support to be written by Ms. Hayes and reviewed/approved by Director Williams in support of lowering the speed limit on Highway 6 at Arrowhead's east entrance to 35 mph.

### **Walking Mountains Science Center Climate Action Programs**

Nikki Maline, Walking Mountain Science Center ("WMSC"), presented a proposal to administer Climate Action Programs on behalf of the Edwards Metro District. This partnership would create a system of incentives that are specific and targeted for the Edwards Metro District community in order to increase participation in the Energy Smart Colorado program. Homes and buildings that invest in improvements rebated through the Energy Smart Colorado program for Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, and Building Electrification significantly help our community reach our local climate action plan goal of an overall 50% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 (from a 2014 baseline). By partnering with Walking Mountains and the Energy Smart Colorado program the Edwards Metro District will be able to implement a program that is accessible, available, and more affordable to homes & business in the District. After discussion and by motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

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**RESOLVED** to approve the WMSC Climate Action Program Proposal as presented in the meeting packet.

**Vail Cup  
Soccer  
Funding  
Request**

Lisa Reeder highlighted the Vail Cup Soccer event that takes place in the fall throughout Eagle County. The tournament brings families from all of the country into Edwards, which has a direct economic impact for our community. After discussion, the Board requested that Mrs. Reeder come back to a future meeting with a more formal funding request that includes a budget for them to review.

**Curbside  
Composting**

Ms. Hayes presented a Curbside Composting program for the Board to consider. The plan outlines proposals from two Composting companies, Vail Honeywagon & Evergreen Zero Waste. It was suggested that the Homestead Neighborhood be used for the pilot program as the compost providers have noted they get calls from Homestead residents who are interested in composting. After discussion with Tracy Erickson, Homestead, the issue of enforcement was raised as well as coordinating the pickup days to coincide with their trash pickup days. The Board requested that Ms. Hayes reach out to the composting companies to inquire about how they handle enforcement in other communities. Director Reilly also requested that Ms. Hayes inquire about drop-off composting sites and the possibility of helping offset costs for participating community members.

**Tree  
Program**

During the November 12<sup>th</sup> Work Session, the Board discussed potentially starting a community tree program. This program would purchase discounted trees from the Eagle County Conservation District and offer them to the community for free. At the Work session, a representative from CSU Extension Agency went through the pros and cons of the different types of trees. After the meeting, Ms. Hayes prepared an estimated cost analysis of providing irrigation and electricity to the parcel of land the District owns on Highway 6 and Ms. Nicholson summarized the best trees for residential vs. riparian area use. Both were presented to the Board. After discussion, it was determined that additional vetting of this project was needed. Ms. Hayes and Ms. Nicholson will present it again at a future meeting.

**Down Payment  
Assistance  
Program**

Mr. Marchetti presented to the Board a summary of a potential program to help Edwards residents with down payment assistance. After discussion, the Board asked

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Mr. Marchetti to continue to research other communities down payment programs and to better flush out a plan for Edwards Metro District.

**Minutes** The Board reviewed the October 21, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes and November 12, 2021 Work Session minutes. By motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** to approve the October 21, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes and November 12, 2021 Work Session minutes as presented.

**Accounts Payable**

The Board reviewed the November 2021 accounts payable list. After discussion and by motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** to ratify the November 2021 accounts payable list as presented.

**Financial Statements**

By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** to accept the District's November 2021 financial statements as presented.

**Sales Tax**

September 2021 sales tax information is continuing to come in higher than budgeted.

**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.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 3:10 p.m. After discussion and by motion duly made and seconded, opposed by Director Heide, the District

**RESOLVED** to allow Eagle River Water & Sanitation District to appraise the parcel of land owned by the District at Highway 6 and Bramblebush.

**Adjournment**

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

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**RESOLVED** to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Edwards Metropolitan District Board of Directors this 9th day of December, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

*Meghan Hayes*

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Recording Secretary for the Meeting