

**RIO LINDA ELVERTA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
810 Oak Lane, Rio Linda, California 95673**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
February 21, 2024**

Call to Order

Chairperson Lisa L. Morris called the meeting to order on February 21, 2024 at 6:00pm. Present were Directors Robert Bastian and Wayne Del Nero. Staff members present included General Manager Mike Heller, Administrative Services Supervisor Annette Hernandez, Parks Supervisor Don Davidson, Recreation Supervisor Alissia DeSalles, and Office Aide Sarah Quelland. Vice Chairperson Charlea Moore arrived at 6:24pm. The meeting was also broadcast on Zoom Communications.

Public Comments

Community member Jeffrey Perry of Rio Linda first spoke to the Board of Directors about the AquaKnights swim team's fundraising efforts and their proposal to use funds to establish scholarship funds including three needs-based and two merit-based. Scholarship applicants would submit essays and art which would be evaluated and judged. He expressed concern that this scholarship program was not receiving enough support from the Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Park District and its staff.

Twin Rivers Unified School District Trustee Stacey Bastian announced that the first baseball games will take place Friday, February 23 at Rio Linda High School's brand new facility with JV starting at 3:15 p.m. and Varsity starting at 6:15 p.m. She added that the first softball game will take place on February 27 with JV at 4:30 p.m. and Varsity at 6:30 p.m. She also announced that the Rio Linda High School Cheerleaders recently went to Nationals in Anaheim.

Introduction of Guests

No guests were present.

Presentations and Announcements

General Manager Heller announced that since former Vice Chairperson Becky McDaniel has recently resigned from the Board of Directors and moved out of state, a special proclamation honoring her service to the community is being prepared. The proclamation will need to be matted and framed. He expects it to be delivered to her in April.

Chairperson Morris thanked General Manager Heller for his efforts in coordinating this proclamation.

Written Correspondence

General Manager Heller also announced a call for nominations to the California Special Districts Association (CSDA). He informed the Board that incumbent Noelle Mattock is re-running and encouraged anyone from the Board interested in running to complete a nomination form. The position is for a three-year term. The deadline for receiving nominations is April 10, 2024. Once received, nominees will receive a candidate's letter. CSDA will begin electronic voting on June 10, 2024.

Chairperson Morris then asked the Board if any member had a nomination or recommendation. No nominations were proffered.

Consent Calendar

No agenda items were pulled.

Motion No. 1

It was moved by Director Del Nero and Director Bastian seconded the motion to approve the consent calendar as follows: Received and filed: (1) Park Police Report (January 2024); Approve; (2) Minutes of January 17, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting; (3) Cash Disbursements January 31, 2024; (4) Finance Report, January 31, 2024; (5) Park Maintenance Monthly Report, January 2024; (6) Recreation Monthly Report, January 2024; (7) General Manager's Report, January 2024; (8) Adoption of Resolution #2024-03 – approving District Policy #2035 – Remote Work Schedule; Motion carried: Ayes; (3) Bastian, Del Nero, and Morris; Noes; (0), Abstain; (0), Absent; (1) Moore.

General Business

Agenda Item #9: Vacancy on the Board.

General Manager Heller announced that due to former Vice Chairperson McDaniel's resignation, applications will be accepted for a replacement. He stated that he sent out an electronic vote to the entire Board of Directors to approve an option for a timeline, and added that the vacancy is being advertised starting February 21, 2024 via physically posted signage at the Depot Building, the Community Center, and the Rio Linda Elverta Community Water District building as well as through social media posts, print ads in the Rio Linda News and through local online media outlet Rio Linda Online News which is run by community member John Todd. General Manager Heller said applications are due by 4:00pm Friday, March 8, 2024. This meets the 15-day window required by California Elections. On March 20, 2024 Board Directors will give candidates a slate of questions and discuss in open session. The new Board Director will be announced at the conclusion of the March 2024 Meeting and will be seated at the April 2024 General Meeting of the Board of Directors. This Director will serve until December 1, 2024. The seat will be up for election during the November 5, 2024 general election and serve a two-year term.

Agenda Item #10: District Strategic Plan.

General Manager Heller introduced the item and reminded the Board of Directors that the Strategic Plan had been discussed during September 2023 General Board Meeting and that the Board agreed to start a Strategic Plan update in early 2024. He said the existing plan expired in 2012 but a new Master Plan was completed a year and a half ago. Past projects include Moraga Park in 2022 and the rebranding of Westside Park in 2023. He expects a new District Strategic Plan can be completed by November 2024. Staff will be undertaking the project with recommendations from the Community and the Park Planning Committee.

- Director Bastian commented that he likes the schedule.
- Chairperson Morris commented that everything looks great.

Board of Director Committee Minutes

Administration and Finance Committee – Met on February 13. The vacant District Board seat was addressed as well as issues regarding the RFP for the roof project at the Depot building. Staff also discussed the 30th anniversary milestone of the Recreation and Park District.

Planning Committee – Met on February 5. Topics of discussion included the Elverta Specific Plan, the Grandpark Project and the District's Strategic Plan. The District has spoken with the new Developers for Grandpark, Compass Land Management led by Yasher Saber. The District would like to place signage in key locations of Grandpark notifying future homeowners that it is Park

like to place signage in key locations of Grandpark notifying future homeowners that it is Park District boundaries. There was also discussion of the future of Central Park and the Horse Arena. The Committee would like to see a plan for updating the Park.

Safety and Security Committee – Did not meet.

Firehouse Committee – Did not meet.

Dry Creek Committee –Met on February 7. The Ranch House (Historical Society) will be hosting a Farm and Tractor Days on May 17-18. They are also looking to install a picnic structure. The County is looking for a site for the Pumpkin Patch which has been held at Gibson Ranch.

LAFCo Committee –Met on January 30. There was an informative discussion regarding the need for support on the federal level for legislation to recognize Special Districts as Districts are often forgotten about for funding. Director Moore and Sac Metro Fire Deputy Frye were named to the Sacramento County Consolidated Oversight Board.

Board of Director Comments

Director Bastian thanked the Parks Division for their work through the recent winter storms. He is looking forward to the spring season and events. He also thanked the Staff for the installation of the additional cameras and security lighting. At the recent LAFCo meeting he spoke to a person who leads sing-a-longs and left the information with General Manager Heller. Finally, he thanked the Staff for their continued good work and thanked former Director McDaniel for her contributions and leadership.

Vice Chairperson Moore agreed with Director Bastian's comments and added that the Parks are looking good. She commented on former Director McDaniel's long service and thanked her saying that "we will miss her greatly." She is looking forward to the Eggstravaganza and is happy to see that there is not a required registration for this year. She feels that it will be a busy event.

Director Del Nero agreed with the comments about former Director McDaniel. She was able to keep baseball and the little league running at FEC and was a huge supporter of the program. He attended the Valentine's Bingo with friends and family and stated that it was a fun event. He thanked the Parks Division team for their quick work on graffiti and vandalism and general clean-up.

Chairperson Morris welcomed Sarah Quelland, the District's new Office Aide. She thanked the Staff for their continued work and efforts.

General Manager Comments

General Manager Heller formally introduced Sarah Quelland to the Board. He informed the Board that the Rio Linda Little League Parade is scheduled for Saturday, March 9 and that they are working on a float. If any Director would like to participate in the parade, let the General Manager know. He also said the District is writing a letter of support for the extension of the Northern Sacramento Trail to the County line. This is a project being spearheaded by the Sacramento County Department of Transportation and they are applying for a grant to fund the extension.

Future Agenda Items:

Adjournment

Chairperson Morris adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

APPROVED: Bastian, Del Nero, Moore, Morris

ATTEST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:



Lisa L. Morris
Chairperson, Board of Directors



Robert Bastian
Secretary, Board of Directors