

NORTH FORK POOL PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

MARCH, 16 2026

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM on Monday, March 16, 2026, by Sven Edstrom.

II. President's Review of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and amended to move the Treasurer's Report to follow Public Appearances. It was noted that individuals presenting during Public Appearances are welcome to stay for the remainder of the meeting or depart afterward.

III. Roll Call & Excused Absences

- Becky Ela was excused from attendance; Sven Edstrom stood in her place.
- Kadee Baker was absent; the reason is unknown. Dan Ihnot will follow up.
- Michelle Pagone recorded minutes in Kadee Baker's absence.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Discussion took place regarding the need for more detailed meeting minutes beginning February 23, 2026, to better reflect the operations of the recreation district and support future reference needs.

V. Treasurer's Report & Payment of Bills

Scott Shishim presented the Treasurer's Report. A detailed report is available in the Financial Reports dated February 1-28, 2026.

Discussion Highlights:

- A check issued to Kim Burke was not reflected in the report.
- Becky Ela's check was voided due to her absence.
- Kim Burke motioned to approve payment of bills; Scott Shishim seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The board discussed appropriate use of, and expressed appreciation for, a donation from Lee Overton's family.
- Mill levy funds are distributed throughout the year.
- Elsie Edstrom raised concerns about discrepancies between registration numbers and fees for Hotchkiss and Paonia soccer programs and Hotchkiss Home Plate. She and Dan Ihnot will revise reporting to clarify this distinction.
- The district is approximately \$2,700 ahead of last year's profit at this time.

VI. Public Appearances

No public appearances.

VII. Staff Reports

District Administration (Dan Ihnot & Elsie Edstrom):

- **Pump Track Open House:** Well attended; strong participation from local youth.
- **Audit Exemption:** A full audit is not required. The CPA will provide documentation for board member signatures. Elsie will coordinate completion.
- **Sportsman System Update:**
 - Target date for testing: March 18, 2026
 - Public launch: April 1, 2026
 - A dedicated computer has been purchased for pool operations, including registration, participant photos, and point-of-sale processing.
- **Capital Improvements:**
 - Approval granted for payment to Golden Concrete in the amount of \$21,025 for concrete and signage.
 - Board authorized Dan Ihnot to approve up to \$4,000 for completion of the sidewalk connecting the pump track to the pool building.

Program Coordinator (Max Heepke):

- **Swim Lessons:** Registration will be managed through the Sportsman system.
- **Soccer:**
 - 95 participants registered.
 - Coaches meeting scheduled; team communications underway.
 - Hotchkiss Soccer Tournament scheduled for March 28, 2026.

Aquatics:

- Ashley Duke will begin employment on March 16, 2026, and is also working with Bill Heddles and Montrose Recreation District.

Facilities Manager (Chris Straub):

- **Baseball Infield:**
 - Pagone Field does not require infield replacement this year.
 - AEDs and first aid kits will be distributed to scorekeeping boxes.
 - Discussion of opening access to drinking fountains.
 - Suggestions received from Terry Pagone regarding alternative infield maintenance equipment.
 - Turf improvements discussed, including seeding on two fields.
- **Gear Swap:** Higher attendance on Friday compared to Saturday.
- Expected return to work: March 23, 2026.

Committee Reports:

- Scott Shishim is obtaining quotes for installation of a 40–50 AMP charging station.
- Elsie Edstrom is gathering landscaping quotes after missing the initial seasonal window; suggested contacts include Andrea Likos, Bryon, Lisa Cooke, and Jake Hatter. Native landscaping options such as prairie grasses and cottonwoods were discussed.
- Kim Burke shared information about the pickleball website NFPickle.com.
- Michelle Pagone is researching the development of bylaws, as none are currently on record.

VIII. Old Business

- Discussion regarding updating the district's mission statement is ongoing; no action taken.

IX. New Business

- **Delta County Schools MOU:** Reviewed and approved. Motion by Scott Shishim; seconded by Michelle Pagone. Motion carried.
- **Paonia IGA Project:** No response has been received from the Town of Paonia. Dan Ihnot will initiate contact to request a meeting and determine next steps.

X. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2026.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Sven Edstrom at 7:42 PM.

Approved: _____



Date: _____

