

**North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 21, 2022**

The Board of Directors of the North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District (NFPPRD) met on Monday, February 21, 2022 at the District office in Hotchkiss.

**Board Members Present:** Kathryn Oxford, Kim Egging, Sven Edstrom, Sara Sharer and Ken Butcher

**Others Present:** Lenore Cambria, District Administrator; Chris Straub, Facilities Manager; Niki Richardson, Board Clerk

**Excused Absences:** There were no absences

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

**Review of Agenda:** No new agenda items

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes of January 17, 2022 by Kim Egging. 2nd – Kathryn Oxford. Motion passed.

**Pay Bills**

A motion was made to pay the bills by Sven Edstrom. 2nd by Kim Egging. The motion passed.

**Public Appearances:** Greg Jackson, the Delta County Useful Public Service Coordinator, presented to the board about utilizing the assistance of defendants required to do Community Service. They currently run 561 defendants per month who need to do community service. DEUPS pays their insurance. They want it to always be a win-win. The recipient organization needs to provide the supervisor who signs off their shift. DEUPS is working on getting a supervisor for juvenile programs who would go out as a group, but those haven't been established yet. Chris asked if he could be out there working alongside them because he isn't sure he could afford to supervise and not work at the same time. Greg assured us that we can call for specific projects and what kind of defender they have. They don't do any dangerous felons – no felons except DUI type felonies. They can spread gravel, do a little construction. The supervisor must be a board member or an employee of the organization. Chris expressed that he thought he could use this kind of help. Greg says they are very flexible, including having times where they provide many people and times where they send none. Chris asked is there a min or max # hours. The answer was that the time could be 1-8 hours per day. Many people have jobs so evenings and weekends are often a good fit. Lenore suggested someone could help with big baseball events with trash. The individuals who would come would not have restrictions about being around children or people. We would provide the gloves and tools. Sven asked how much heads-up we need. Greg said 1-2 months in advance. Sven asked about trail maintenance.

**Public Appearance Liane Mattson and Neal Schwieterman about the Master Plan**

Liane and Neal came to talk about volunteering their time to facilitate a planning effort. Liane is retired from the Forest Service and has experience in various parts of bigger scale planning as well as having served as a facilitator in small and large, contentious and non-contentious groups. Neal has 30 years of public service running meetings and was part of the Nature Connection planning process and the Paonia River Park committee for over 20 years.

Liane Question – Is there a regulatory requirement to do this planning process at 10 years.

Answer – Lenore said no, but it is old and ready to be updated. The most recent is 2011.

Liane outlined the basics: They will provide framework and guidance; they are not on anyone's side; nor are they promoting or advocating for any one outcome. They will break down the scary Master plan *thing* into manageable and logical pieces, facilitate conversations and keep track of decisions and implementation steps. At the end, they will provide organized notes from which the NFPPRD can then write the Master Plan ourselves.

Liane Question – what is the Board's intent?

Answer – Sven wants to decant the info in the old plan; what's been completed and what we have left. What's obtainable. Sara said she was going to congratulate us on how much we have completed from the master Plan. Ken feels like there is overkill and wants something more pointed and simplified.

Liane saw a comprehensive effort, recommendations to the Board at the time and creating an action plan. The 2011 MP has targets and broke the activities down into categories and put together the action plan for 10 years.

Sara thinks that we will want to add new things from the community and Board interest. She does not want to spend too much of the time we have with L & N on the *past* document, but rather on the future. Kathryn said she's interested in re-establishing priorities.

Ken wondered about demographics and whether we'd do a community survey.

L&N Approach

Public Involvement. The current plan did a comprehensive conversation and a statistically valid public survey with the community. Q – do we want to do another survey? (L&N wouldn't develop that for us) Paonia did Paonia in Motion, BLM did some, Delta County did Master Trail Plan, so these. Ken expressed that he would like to know what the 4 areas are interested in (Crawford, Paonia, Hotchkiss and rural neighbors).

Kim thought that there have been many new entities who we could tie into thought we should communicate with all the related entities to see what is available and what is needed.

Sara asked if we can use surveys that have already been done. Neal explained that The Nature Connection did 4000 surveys. Sven thought that the work that would be entailed would be burdensome and we should make our plan first, then present it for feedback to the community. Sven thought it would be also good to renew the message to the partnering entities about what we ARE and what we CAN provide as a provider of facilities and partnering on funding.

Liane Question – how many work sessions do we want to do?

Answer – Work on a Saturday rather than stay late in the evening. Sara suggested one dedicated board meeting and one Saturday. Sven suggested one Saturday "Heavy Hitter" meeting, then do the Board Meeting.

The Board proposed March 12, 9:30 – 2

Or as a backup date March 19, 9:30 – 2

At that work session, we will schedule the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

We need to publicize this as a special meeting.

Liane Question – approach. Liane and Neal passed out the process document and Liane presented it.

Prospective Board Members are welcome and encouraged to come, as is the public.

### **Pool Report**

Chris met with Glacier Industrial Painting – Jeff – about painting the pool. He paints pools, floors, airplane hangars – anything with epoxy paint. Jeff explained the process and sent an estimate. Chris thought it was a little high at \$12/sqft. We have 5,500sqft between the 3 pools which would cost \$74,000. In 2015 we paid \$40k to have it done. Jeff's project entails more elements such as fixing the concrete of the pool. It would take about 30 days. Lenore also said there would be a crew of 2-3 guys here. Chris thinks we should have him give us a

breakdown of how many sq ft he's charging us for. Chris let him know that the pool needs to be full of water mid-May so it needs to be done May 1<sup>st</sup>. Chris has searched for another contractor but no one seems to do this work. Sven wondered if it needs to be a pool specialist. Local painter Darren Matus told Lenore that years ago he was asked to bid it. He researched what it would take and it is important to get a specialist.

Chris also presented about the slide and how to get it fixed or replace it. Chris thinks it can go another season. The stairs on the existing slide need to be patched to keep them safe for kids. If anyone wants to do some research, Chris would welcome the help.

He also expressed positive interest in the community service program.

### **Trail from NFPPRD to Hotchkiss Update**

Sven updated the Board about the trail that will go from our property to the Fairgrounds. The County is working on an RFP Request out for design for the bridge. The county is securing easements now. Construction would begin spring of 2023.

Sven suggested we have informative sign where the trail comes on our property.

### **New Business**

#### **Website Accessibility**

Niki and Lenore presented about the SDA Webinar about the steps to make our website accessible. They said it would be a good to make a motion. Sara made a motion that it is the Board's intent to have the website as accessible as possible. Sven 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion passed.

#### **Concept paper for Skatepark to GOCO**

The go-around in Feb was too soon because the Town didn't have their plans concrete enough. She could see that the project was really supported but GOCO wants to see the whole big picture being funded. The next go-around is in the Fall, and they could do another concept paper. The Tony Hawk funding requires that the project be complete within 3 years, so this is a delay. We are not in an agreement with the Town of Paonia right now to manage the park. Paonia in Motion sent out something about some grants and Mayor Mary Bacharan said that they wouldn't be responsive to anything that wasn't a water thing.

- **Status of Board Election.** We have 4 nominations so we may have to have an election.

#### **- Proposal to Increase Chris Wage Rate 1.9%**

Lenore would like the Board to support a 1.9% increase for Chris to match the increase in minimum wage. Kim asked about Lenore's wage. Lenore got a substantial increase last year. Lenore would like to keep Chris happy and isn't as concerned about her wage. Kim made a motion to increase Lenore and Chris wages by 1.9% to reflect the increase in minimum wage. Sven 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion passed.

#### **- Planning for lessons**

Lenore, Mary, Mary and possibly Crystal will meet this week about lessons. There are two full weeks where we don't have swim lessons at all during the summer so the people can have their private lessons during those times.

### **Administrator's Report**

- **Partners Auction Donation** – Two 6-punch passes okay

- **W2s and 1099s mailed**

- **Legislative Update** - You can't bring a firearm within 100 feet of a voting drop box

- **Miners Trail Letter of Support**

**Marketing** – Maintained ads.

To be confirmed - March 12<sup>th</sup> will be our Master Plan meeting  
March 21st will be our next Board meeting and will be dedicated to the Master Plan.

**Correspondence** – Magazines.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Kim Egging presented the financials.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lenore Cambria, District Administrator

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_