

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MONTE RIO RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Monday, February 13, 2017, at 6:00 pm
Monte Rio Community Center
20488 Hwy 116, Monte Rio, CA 95462**

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Board Chair Steve Baxman.

2. **Roll Call and Approval of Agenda and Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Present: Board members Steve Baxman, Jean Sasso, Korie Shokmalli, Chuck Ramsey, Marina McTaggart and Administrator Sherry Pimsler.

Motion made by Jean Sasso and seconded by Korie Shokmalli to approve the meeting's agenda and minutes of January 9, 2017. All in favor.

3. **Public Comment** –

- A. Kris Thurman-Fein offered her services in pursuing funding for Phase II of the Creekside Park Project. She would like to form a committee.
- B. Vira the Mermaid of Monte Rio and Sally Sorenson of Sebastopol spoke on behalf of Clean River Alliance, headquartered in Guerneville. They would like to form a similar group in Monte Rio and are announcing Monday meetings, at 4 pm, in Guerneville to organize a new group. Flyers will be posted at the MR Community Center.

4. **Old Business** - None

5. **New Business** –

- A. Independence Day Weekend Cost Sharing: There was general agreement on the MR Chamber's proposal to split costs equally between the three sponsoring agencies, MR Chamber, MR Fire Protection District and MRRPD. There was some discussion about the dates for the Rocky Games and Fireworks. It was decided that the Fire District's barbeque will take place on Saturday, July 1st, the fireworks and carnival will take place on Sunday, the 2nd, and Rocky Games will take place on Sunday and Monday, the 2nd and 3rd. Marina will execute the contract with the pyrotechnicians.

6. **Reports & Information**

A. **Board Reports** – None

B. **Staff Reports** –

- Sherry said that a question has arisen about the use of herbicides on MRRPD property. She cautioned individual members about trying to advance his or her own agenda, rather than building consensus from the Board as a whole. She reminded them that, as a Water of the US, we are subject to the National Pollution discharge Elimination System. We are also under the purview of a number of regulatory agencies, none of whom would condone the use of an herbicide on areas that drain directly into the river. Presently, District staff, with concurrence from the Board, does not support use of an herbicide on these areas. She will look into the matter further.
- Sherry reminded Board members that the deadline for taking the individual ethics webinar training is March 15. She suggested that Board members allow themselves plenty of time.
- Some conflict of interest forms are still outstanding.
- The District's responses to the FY 15/16 draft audit Findings were placed in Board members' binders.
- She also reminded the Board that emails sent on behalf of MRRPD are subject to public records requests.
- The employee handbook is still in the hands of the CAPRI attorney for review.

C. **Budget Committee** – Chuck Ramsey reported on the Budget Committee's meeting of February 6th.

- The District received an \$895.35 credit from Sweetwater for the over \$2,150 charged for a substantial water leak.

- The committee is still reviewing year-to-date expenses. Sherry was asked to come back with more answers before proposed amendments are brought to the March Board meeting.
- D. Facilities/Grant Committee –**
- The committee discussed the MR Chamber’s proposed Memorial Day barbeque. They were amenable to it, but requested that more information be provided by the Chamber.
 - Renovation of the Meadow restroom (Carr’s Construction - \$29,000 estimate) is planned before the Beach opens. Stephanie Felch (Praxis Architects) will try to pin down a date.
 - Beach set-up was discussed. This year, substantial grading may be required. Steve will contact Parmeter because larger equipment may be necessary.
 - Leslie reported on a number of downed trees due to storms; touch-up of trim in the Redwood Room has been scheduled; labor-only will be required to replace the Creekside Park gym door with a roll-up, garage-style door and to temporarily access the gym through the back, where a walled-off former entrance exists.
 - Stephanie presented maps of the spur of land and adjacent property across from Creekside. It is still to be determined whether the spur leading down to the highway is public right-of-way or Sweetwater-owned. Further in, there are switchbacks which the Boy Scouts have offered to maintain.
 - The Fish Flow letter will be re-submitted by March 10th.
 - Next meeting March 8th at 8:30 am (*subsequently moved to March 15th*).
- E. Personnel Committee – None**
- F. Marketing/Public Outreach Committee –**
- Events Director Jean Marquardt reported that she will be cancelling the remaining ping-pong Sundays.
 - Wednesday morning gentle yoga classes have been popular.
 - The committee discussed the logo contest, approved by the Board at their January meeting. Korie is compiling the rules.
 - On Wednesday, February 15th, SCWA will sponsor a public meeting regarding the Occidental wastewater transport proposals.
 - The Community Center will serve as a polling station on March 7th.
 - The Variety Show will take place on Thursday, July 27th.
- G. CWA (Creekside Waste Authority) –** Dan Fein informed the Board that the Creekside Wastewater Authority (CWA) Board is exploring the possibility of drawing up an operating agreement between the MRFPD and MRRPD, which would avoid costly audits by folding the JPA’s expenses into MRRPD books, and allow the two agencies to dissolve the JPA.

7. Correspondence - None

8. Action Items – None

9. Review Monthly Accounts Payable – Including payroll, January expenses amounted to \$9,821.08.

10. Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 13th.

11. Meeting adjournment – 6:50 pm.