

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

**Monday, May 8, 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 6:04 pm by Board Chair Steve Baxman.
2. **Roll Call and Approval of Agenda and Minutes from Previous Meeting**
Present: Board members Steve Baxman, Korie Shokmalli, Marina McTaggart and Chuck Ramsey (a few minutes late); Administrator Sherry Pimsler. Absent: Board member Jean Sasso.

Motion made by Korie Shokmalli and seconded by Marina McTaggart to approve the meeting's agenda and minutes of April 10, 2017.

Chuck Ramsey questioned the impartiality and transparency of the minutes. He did not feel that it was accurate to say that the Board admonished him about applying herbicides to District property. He had merely disagreed with the way the grounds were being maintained. He felt personally attacked.

Also, Chuck would like more information on how items are put on – or left off – the agenda. He was not comfortable with the way the last meeting went. He would like to see the Board move forward together and suggested a facilitator.

A vote was called to approve the minutes. Three Board members were in favor, with Chuck Ramsey voting no.

3. **Public Comment** – None
4. **Old Business** - None
5. **New Business**
 - A. Monte Rio Recreation & Park District Employee Handbook: Chuck Ramsey noted that the handbook had been reviewed several times by the CAPRI personnel attorney so he guessed it must be okay.
6. **Reports & Information**
 - A. **Board Reports**
 - o Chuck Ramsey suggested a board retreat in the fall.
 - B. **Staff Reports**
 - o Beach
 - a) Beach was graded by Pat Glutch and the Parmeters.
 - b) Concession has been moved in place and hook-ups are proceeding.
 - c) Full crew is on board.
 - C. **Budget Committee** – Chuck Ramsey reported that a meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10th.
 - D. **Facilities/Grant Committee** – Steve Baxman reported the following:
 - o Beach Permit: The Army Corps is conducting a status of species so their permit will have to be renewed early. Kevin Double will handle. Now, that particular renewal will be out of sync with the others.

- The committee discussed the Sweetwater Springs property. Jim Quigley, former member of the Sweetwater Board offered some proposals:
 - a) Suggest an easement or right-of-way.
 - b) Emphasize gains to Sweetwater, such as
 - a. Reducing their liability by helping to steward the land and regulate trespassers;
 - b. A political plus for Sweetwater because trails would be established on their surplus land to access the ocean;
 - c. MRRPD may be able to provide insurance;
 - d. MRRPD would provide survey markers.

Jim suggested that we simplify our proposed options; start with a hiking trail only.

Before approaching Sweetwater, it was agreed that Land Paths and Sonoma County Open Space District should be brought on board.

- Interested community members, including Kris Thurman, Roberto Esteves and Paul Leland joined the discussion on the proposed watershed museum and river model.
- Estimates for Cutty Mugg's CRLP loan project came in over budget so they will go back to the drawing board.

E. **Personnel Committee** – None.

F. **Marketing/Public Outreach Committee** – None.

G. **CWA (Creekside Waste Authority)** – None.

7. Correspondence - None

8. Action Items

- A. Resolution 000412 Resolution Approving a Monte Rio Recreation and Park District Employee Handbook: The resolution was passed with three ayes (Baxman, Shokmalli, McTaggart); one abstain (Ramsey); and one absence (Sasso) .

9. Review Monthly Accounts Payable – The March P&L report reflected \$14,585.22 in expenses.

10. Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 12th at 6:00 pm.

11. Meeting adjournment – 6:25 pm.