

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

Monday, March 9, 2020, 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 6:07 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, Marina McTaggart, Paul DuBray and Linda Santa Cruz.
Administrator Sherry Pimsler.

Jean Sasso moved Marina McTaggart seconded approval of this evening’s agenda and minutes of February 10, 2019.
 3. **Public Comment** - None
 4. **Old Business** – None
 5. **New Business** - None
 6. **Reports & Information**
 - A. **Board Reports** –
 - Marina reported that the Monte Rio Chamber’s Sinatra fundraiser was successful.
 - B. **Staff Reports**
 - Sherry reminded the Board that the free ethics webinar training expires on Sunday, the 15th.
 - She also reminded the Board that Form 700’s were due.
 - The Russian River Health Center has donated needle boxes for the District’s restrooms.
 - C. **Budget Committee** –
 - Linda Santa Cruz said that the Budget Committee met on Wednesday, March 4 to review proposed 19/20 budget adjustments. Accountant Craig Collins conferenced in by phone. He walked the committee through the County’s calculation of remaining Redevelopment obligation. Anticipation of insurance/FEMA/CalOES reimbursement for flood loss has made projections difficult. To be on the safe side, a minimum amount of recovery was projected, which called for deep cuts in marketing and consultant fees for flood recovery.
 - D. **Facilities/Safety Committee** – Minutes to the February 5th meeting were distributed to the Board. Highlights were:
 - 2,518 tires were brought into the tire amnesty collection.
 - Per Capita Grant funding: Brian Grant (PRAXIS Architects) will invite Steve Ehret of Sonoma County Regional Parks to speak to the Board about the Monte Rio Trail Project in order to aid in allocation of Per Capita Grant funds.
 - The \$56,000 Re-Leaf Tree Planting Project is scheduled to begin planting on the 16th at various District locations. (*Date was subsequently moved to May 4th.*)
 - The committee will hold off on any CIP improvements until budget adjustments are firmed up.
- Flood Impact Update**
- Park Supervisor Leslie Hofelich said that final inspection of the new kitchen trailer is scheduled for Monday, the 16th.
 - Von Renner did a good job of debris removal at Creekside Park. Brian is coordinating repair of the irrigation system.
 - Stephanie Grant of PRAXIS reported on funds being distributed through MAC’s Flood Mitigation Funding. The District put in requests for infrastructure upgrades to install solar panels and

generators at both the Community Center and Creekside Park, which can serve as emergency evacuation centers. As part of economic resiliency, overhead signage replacement at the Amphitheater as well as improvements, fencing, garden gate replacement and new landscaping at Creekside Park were included. In addition, consultant fees to coordinate an RFP process and community workshops for improvements to the access points at both anchorages of the new Monte Rio Bridge.

Flood Preparation

- Brian Grant is coordinating with Presray to order parts for the MRCC flood gates.
- Stephanie and Brian are volunteering to compile an emergency preparedness manual.

Safety

- Leslie and Steve are monitoring sink holes.
- There have been no incidents with fly fishermen at the boat ramp.

E. Personnel Committee – Meeting to be scheduled.

F. Marketing & Public Outreach Committee – In upcoming meeting, committee will continue exploration of ways to attract business to the Amphitheater.

G. CWA (Creekside Wastewater Authority at Creekside Park) –

- A last meeting will take place to confirm an operating agreement, giving ownership of the Creekside system to MRRPD, while retaining shared responsibilities.

7. Correspondence – None

8. Action Items – None

9. Review Monthly Accounts Payable – The P&L report for February reflected \$54,674.94 in expenses, which reflected \$30,563 in repair of flood damage (Von Renner removal of debris at Creekside). A balance sheet was also distributed.

10. Next Meeting/Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm. The next Board meeting will take place on April 13th at 6 pm.