

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

Monday, August 10, 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 6:01 pm by Board Chair Steve Baxman.
2. **Roll Call and Approval of Agenda and Minutes from Previous Meeting**
Present, Directors Steve Baxman, Jean Sasso, and Marina McTaggart; absent, Directors Paul DuBray and Linda Santa Cruz; Administrator Sherry Pimsler.

Marina moved, Jean seconded approval of this evening's agenda and minutes of July 13th.

3. **Public Comment** – None.

4. **Old Business** – None

5. **New Business** –

A. FY 2020/2021 Final Budget: No discussion, with the understanding that a mid-year adjustment may be necessary to include final Covid-related losses.

6. **Reports & Information**

A. Board Reports – None

B. Staff Reports

- Monte Rio residents have lodged complaints about crowds at the Beach during this time of Covid-19. Sherry has reached out to the County for advice, saying that with a small staff and many points of ingress, there is no way to close it off. When the parking lot is closed, visitors park throughout the neighborhood, and whether the concessions are open or not makes little difference. *(The County later confirmed that beaches along the River are experiencing the same influx of crowds. They suggested enhancing our signage and offering free face masks.)*

C. Budget Committee – No report.

D. Facilities/Safety Committee – Minutes from the August 5th meeting were distributed to the Board. Highlights were:

- The CWA operating agreement is nearing completion and a final meeting for the CWA board to approve it will be set. The MRFPD will insure their portion of the system themselves.
- Sherry reported Board member Paul DuBray's concern about minimum insurance coverage for food vendors. She will confirm the sufficiency of the current policy with CAPRI.
- Beach report:
 - By way of informing the committee of budget issues in relation to capital improvement expenditures, Sherry reported that boat runners Ray Kulczewski and Adam Marcus have resigned; now replaced by a new hire. \$12/hr may not be sufficient to retain employees, so boat runner pay has been raised to \$13/hr.

(Minimum wage in California is currently \$12/hr. for companies with fewer than 25 employees; and will increase to \$15/hr by 2022.) Also, Beach crewmembers who have been on board since May received a \$50 bonus last pay period.

- Boat Shack will now be open Friday through Sunday; Snack Shack will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Large crowds are creating an overwhelming amount of garbage that has been a challenge for Leslie and John. The committee agreed that we could look for someone to assist since Leslie has been cutting back. *(Marina suggested contacting the Thorensens, Monte Rio residents who service Guerneville.)*
- Large crowds have resulted in a \$1,000+ water bill for the Community Center, which includes the Fish & Wildlife bathrooms.
- Received a survey from the Monte Rio Bridge design engineering firm, inviting input. It was forwarded to the MRRPD Board, staff, Chamber, Friends of Monte Rio and Villa Grande, and other local residents. Construction has been moved out to 2023-2025.
- Steve and Leslie will stripe the upper parking lot.
- In regard to projects, Sherry informed the committee that the beach concessions have already made \$57,845.95 as of 8/3/20, so they will make their FY20/21 projection of \$100,000. Facilities rentals has been projected as flat until Covid orders are further relaxed.

Proposed Maintenance Projects

- A list of suggested projects was distributed for which grants might be available or that may be budgeted, including:
 - a. Installation of solar panels at the Community Center and Creekside Park. (Current annual PGE costs are around \$20,000 for both sites.)
 - b. Drilling a water well at Creekside has been suggested as a way to save on water bills. Brian and Stephanie are getting estimates from Weeks and RH & Sons.
 - c. Installation of a fan at the Creekside kitchen. Bill Avellar has submitted an estimate for \$3,909.
 - d. Replacement of doors to Fish & Wildlife restrooms. Leslie will get some estimates. Brian and Stephanie have information.
 - e. Possible installation of ADT security at Creekside. Leslie will set an appointment with the ADT rep for an estimate.

Grants in Process

- Per Capita Grant:
 - a. Sherry, Brian and Stephanie are signed up for a Per Capita Grant workshop on Tuesday, August 11th.
 - b. A portion of the \$177,000+ grant available to MRRPD has been proposed for appraisal of the Sweetwater property for the Monte Rio Trail project. Another portion of it can be used on other projects. (The funds must be used for projects or acquisitions.)
- Solar panels:
 - a. Possible grant sources are being explored. USDA is one possibility. The MAC grant can be used as a match.
- A grant may become available for Special Districts for revenue loss due to Covid, which would free up more operating funds for maintenance projects.
- Flood Impact Update: Final costs still in process.

- Sherry took a Streamline webinar on disaster preparedness manuals.
- Ed Fortner, new GM of Sweetwater Water District will be re-contacted for a meeting.
- Safety Report:
 - Boat rental customer broke his leg upriver, while kayaking.
 - Cars have been doing donuts in the MRRPD middle parking lot. Sheriff needs license plate numbers.

E. Personnel Committee – No report.

F. Marketing & Public Outreach Committee – No report.

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

- CAPRI responded regarding the Indemnity clause in the draft operating agreement, so Dan Fein, Chair of the now-rescinded CWA JPA Board, will be informed that a meeting of that Board can be scheduled to approve the operating agreement. This will be the last piece in handing full ownership over to MRRPD to operate and maintain, with equal contribution of annual dues from both districts.

7. Correspondence – None

8. Action Items –

- A.** Resolution 000437 Approving a Final Budget for 2020-2021 Fiscal Year: Unanimously approved by the three members in attendance.

9. Review Monthly Accounts Payable – The P&L report for July reflected \$16,183.68 in expenses.

10. Next Meeting/Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm. The next Board meeting will take place on Sept. 14th at 6 pm.