



**Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 21st, 2024, at 6:00 pm
Hood River Aquatic Center**

In Attendance:

Board: Anna Cavaleri, Mike Howard, Christy Christopher, Nan Noteboom

Staff: Mark Hickok, Marcie Wily, Kelsey Barnes, Ally Kriskewic

Legal Council: Ruben Cleaveland

Public: Kier Bryerton, Rachel Tsu Hyde, Jennifer Kaden, Jeff Hunter

President Noteboom called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

1. Comments from General Public

Jeff Hunter states that he is hoping the May 2024 ballot measure by HRDPRD will pass.

2. Review Minutes from January 10th, 17th, 24th, and February 6th 2024

Christopher requested the Jan 10th minutes be edited to note that estimated construction costs of the new facilities had factored in an estimated construction date of 2026. Cavaleri motioned to approve the Jan 17th, 24th, and Feb 6th minutes as presented, and the amended January 10th minutes. Christopher seconded. All approved.

3. Resolution 23/24 #3

Howard made a motion to approve the resolution, Cavaleri seconded. All approved.

4. Resolution 23/24 #4

Howard made a motion to approve the resolution, Cavaleri seconded. All approved.

5. Strategic Planning

Hickok provided an update on the Bond and Levy Measure timeline, with the Ballot title and explanatory statement now finalized and ready for submission to the state of Oregon. The next step involves filing form SEL 803 with the county elections official, leading to the publication of the ballot title in the local newspaper and the assignment of a number to the measure after 7 days. The board reviewed and made final adjustments to various materials prepared for the election, including a One Pager, Two Pager, FAQ, and a 10-slide PowerPoint presentation, which will undergo a final review by the secretary of state. Since Special Districts are not applicable to an explanatory statement in the Voter's Pamphlet; these materials play a critical role in disseminating information to the public. The board also discussed contingency plans if the measures do not pass, considering the need to gather additional community feedback before proposing another solution.

Noteboom updated the board that The Political Action Committee (PAC) has been formed but hasn't officially filed yet, she presented the board with the campaign committee's website domain. She also outlined a list of outreach events where board members could present information on the proposed measures to the public.

6. Reports

Finance Report

Hickok presented the finance report, highlighting the stability of System Development Charges with slightly stronger results from County SDCs and lighter figures from City SDCs. Anticipated growth in City SDCs is expected in the upcoming spring season. The general fund is in solid shape, outpacing revenue projections, with revenue at 85% and expenditures at 55% halfway through the fiscal year. The recreation fund is also performing well, with revenue and expenditures at around 38%. An increase in revenue is expected in the spring with the opening of summer camps and recreation registrations.

Directors Report

Hickok's Directors report covered 4 main points. Firstly, he discussed the advocacy efforts for SB 1576, a legislative fix for recreation immunity issues, being pushed by key stakeholders like the League of Oregon Cities and Oregon Recreation and Parks Association. The bill aims to define recreational activities and ensure equal immunity for all trails, setting the stage for future discussions on recreational immunity. Secondly, he updated on the Urban Renewal Board, where the City of Hood River's Urban Renewal Administrator, Will Norris, has reached out to HRVPRD regarding a possible seat on the Urban Renewal Agency Board of Directors as the Port of Hood River will relinquish their positions. The board expressed interest in having one member on the Urban Renewal Board of Directors and will ask for additional information before appointing someone. Thirdly, there was a consideration for separate email addresses for the board members at a cost of \$360 per year. The board discussed and decided to leave the e-mail auto-forwarding as is for now. Finally, he provided an update on the design for 780 Rand Road. The board was presented with the latest design revisions based on their input from the previous month. The city has opted to expand the playground area on the site and the board members are in approval of the new concept.

Aquatics Quarterly Report/Facility Tour

Kriskewic presented the Aquatic quarterly report, offering a concise overview of the department's recent activities before leading the board members on a facility tour. She stated that recently the pool heating system was out of commission for an entire week, causing the cancellation of lessons and programs. Kriskewic then gave the board members a tour of the facility to illustrate the challenges faced by HRDPRD in maintaining the facility's operations and to emphasize the urgent need for addressing these issues. During the tour, she highlighted an ongoing issue with the pool boiler, which is an outdated system requiring specially ordered parts for repairs. The subcontractor responsible for addressing these malfunctions has expressed concerns about its longevity, estimating that a replacement cost for just the failing parts would be approximately \$50,000.

Executive Session

Executive Session, if necessary per ORS 192.660)(e). To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions (The District Board will now meet in executive session. All members of the audience are asked to leave the room. No decision may be made in executive session. At the end of the executive session, we will return to open session and welcome the audience back into the room.)

The board moves into an executive session. No decisions were made.

Cavaleri motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm. Noteboom seconded. All approved.

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