

Paradise Recreation and Park District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Terry Ashe Recreation Center
May 13, 2026

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson McGreehan called the Regular Meeting of the Paradise Recreation and Park District Board of Directors to order at 6:15 p.m.

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairperson McGreehan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2 ROLL CALL:

Present: Al McGreehan (Chairperson), Steve Rodowick (Vice-Chairperson), Joleen Levey (Secretary), Robert Anderson (Director), John Stonebraker (Director).

PRPD STAFF:

Present: Dan Efseaff (District Manager), Kristi Sweeney (Assistant District Manager), Catherine Merrifield (District Accountant), Mark Cobb (Park Supervisor), Sarah Hoffman (Board Clerk), Connor Finnigan (Recreation Coordinator)

1.3 WELCOME GUESTS:

Chairperson McGreehan welcomed guests.

Present: Chris Rauen, Paul Schoewe, Taylor Nilsson (BCFSC), Brandi Syfert (BCFSC), Duane Fields (Terra Fuego), Angela Alfaro (Comcast).

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

3.1. Board Minutes: Regular Meeting (April 8, 2026)

3.2. Payment of Bills/Disbursements (Warrants and Checks Report)

Check # 060256 - 060342 and ACHs

3.3. Authorize Vegetation Management Work with Butte County Fire Safe Council (BCFSC). –
Since the Camp Fire, the District and Butte County Fire Safe Council (BCFSC, Contractor) have partnered in a number of fuels reduction projects on District lands. As part of a Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) grant project, BCFSC secured funding to demonstrate vegetation preparation and the application of prescribed fire in our area including three District properties (Coutolenc Park, Noble Park, and Oak Creek Park). **Recommendation: Authorize the District Manager to complete agreements with Contractor pending legal review.**

MOTION: Approve Consent Agenda item 3.2 **MADE BY:** Rodowick. **SECOND:** Anderson. **Roll Call Vote:** **AYES:** 5 (McGreehan, Rodowick, Levey, Anderson, Stonebraker). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 0.

Items pulled from Consent Agenda (3.1 and 3.3)

3.1 Board Minutes: Regular Meeting (April 8, 2026)

MOTION: Approve the April 8, 2026 minutes with notes correction. **MADE BY:** Levey. **SECOND:** Stonebraker. **Roll Call Vote:** **AYES:** 5 (McGreehan, Rodowick, Levey, Anderson, Stonebraker). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 0.

3.3 Authorize Vegetation Management Work with Butte County Fire Safe Council (BCFSC).

Director Stonebraker made a motion, but it died due to a lack of a second.

MOTION: Authorize the District Manager to complete agreements with Contractor as stated in the report pending legal review. **MADE BY:** Rodowick. **SECOND:** Anderson. **Roll Call Vote:** **AYES:** 4 (McGreehan, Rodowick, Levey, Anderson). **NOES:** 1 (Stonebraker). **ABSENT:** 0.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

4.1 Finance Committee (4/16/2026)

4.2 Recreation and Park Committee (4/21/2026)

5. OLD BUSINESS:

5.1. Development of Qualified Construction Contractors. – To ensure a timely selection process and that we receive qualified contractors, Staff recommends that the District develop a pre-qualified list of contractors that meet District and State requirements. Staff would review, score, evaluate, and formulate a list of prequalified contractors and the BOD would review and possibly ratify the list for future bids. **Recommendation: Authorize the District Manager to develop a pre-qualified contractors list for BOD consideration for upcoming projects.**

MOTION: Authorize the District Manager to develop a pre-qualified contractors list for BOD consideration for upcoming projects. **MADE BY:** Rodowick. **SECOND:** Anderson. **Roll Call Vote:** **AYES:** 5 (McGreehan, Rodowick, Levey, Anderson, Stonebraker). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 0.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

6.1. Approve the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget and Set Public Hearing Date – The PRPD Board of Directors will consider adopting the FY 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget as presented in the Notice of Public Hearing and set a public hearing date at which time the BOD may adopt the final budget. **Recommendation: Approve the Preliminary Budget and set a Public Hearing Date for June 10, 2026.**

MOTION: Approve the Preliminary Budget and set a Public Hearing Date for June 10, 2026. **MADE BY:** Anderson. **SECOND:** Rodowick. **Roll Call Vote:** **AYES:** 5 (McGreehan, Rodowick, Levey, Anderson, Stonebraker). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 0.

6.2. Future Special Meeting Options—The District is looking to solidify possible Special Meeting dates for the upcoming months to make sure that we are able to move forward with time sensitive items. **Recommendation: Authorize the Board Clerk to utilize the identified (list) Special Meetings dates and times, if needed.**

MOTION: Authorize the Board Clerk to utilize the identified (list) Special Meetings dates and times, if needed. **MADE BY:** McGreehan. **SECOND:** Stonebraker. **Roll Call Vote: AYES:** 5 (McGreehan, Rodowick, Levey, Anderson, Stonebraker). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 0.

7. REPORTS

7.1. District Report

7.2 Operational Readiness Report - Paradise Community Center (Information Only)

There was board concurrence to take a 10-minute recess. The meeting recessed at 7:45 PM and returned at 7:55 PM.

The Board Chairperson called the meeting into closed session at 7:56 PM.

8. CLOSED SESSION

8.1. Existing Litigation - Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(1)- Casaulong v. Paradise Recreation & Park District; Case No. 2:24-cv-02786-CSK

The meeting came out of closed session at 8:11 PM.

Board Chairperson McGreehan stated that there was discussion on the litigation and gave the District Manager direction to move forward on the next steps.

9. BOARD COMMENT

There were comments from Director Anderson, Vice-Chairperson Rodowick, Director Stonebraker and Chairperson McGreehan.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson McGreehan adjourned the meeting at 8:22 PM until the next Regular Board meeting, scheduled for June 10, 2026, at 10:00 p.m. at the Terry Ashe Recreation Center.



Al McGreehan, Chairperson



Steve Rodowick, Vice-Chairperson