

Paradise Recreation and Park District  
**Board of Directors Regular Meeting**  
Magalia Community Center  
September 13, 2023

**MINUTES**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Board Chairperson Steve Rodowick called the Regular Meeting of the Paradise Recreation and Park District Board of Directors to order at 6:00p.m.

**1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Chairperson Rodowick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1.2 ROLL CALL:**

Present: Steve Rodowick (Chairperson), Robert Anderson (Vice- Chairperson), Mary Bellefeuille (Secretary), Al McGreehan (Director), Jen Goodlin (Director).

**PRPD STAFF:**

Present: Dan Efseaff (District Manager), Mark Cobb (Park Supervisor), Jeff Dailey (Recreation Supervisor), Scott Amick (Recreation Supervisor), Catherine Merrifield (District Accountant), Sunny Quigley (Administrative Assistant II) Annette Granstedt (Administrative Assistant II), Sarah Hoffman (Board Clerk), Tyler Woodcox (Recreation Leader III)

Present via zoom: None

**1.3 WELCOME GUESTS:**

Chairperson Rodowick welcomed guests.

Present: John Stonebraker, Donna Yutzy, Joan Coffin, Chris Rauen, Mark Thorp, Warren Bowden, Bill Reeves, Sonny Ventimiglio (Tri- Counties Bank),

Present via teleconference: None

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Citizen Stonebraker commended the Nature Forest Therapy walks and stated that a bike rack is needed at the Terry Ashe Recreation Center and the Districts other facilities.

Citizen Rauen thanked the Board and PRPD staff for coming to Magalia for their Board meeting.

Citizen Reeves asked if there were other times to make a public comment.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**3.1. Board Minutes: Regular Meeting of August 9, 2023**

**3.2. Payment of Bills/Disbursements (Warrants and Checks Report)****Check # 055873 – 056029 and ACHs****3.3. Information Items (Acceptance only):****A. Safety Committee Meeting of August 17, 2023**

Chairperson Rodowick asked if there were any items that needed to be pulled for discussion. Director McGreehan asked to pull Item 3.1.

Chairperson Rodowick then asked for a motion for the Consent Agenda with the removal of Item 3.1

**MOTION:**

Secretary Bellefeuille moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of Item 3.1. Director McGreehan seconded the motion, and the motion carried with 5 ayes.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Chairperson Rodowick, aye; Vice-Chairperson Anderson, aye; Secretary Bellefeuille, aye; Director McGreehan, aye; Director Goodlin, aye.

Chairperson Rodowick then brought Item 3.1 back for discussion. Director McGreehan stated that there were some minor text corrections that need to be shared for the record. Board Clerk Hoffman went through the corrections made.

Chairperson Rodowick then asked for a motion to approve Item 3.1 as corrected.

**MOTION:**

Director McGreehan moved to approve Item 3.1. Secretary Bellefeuille seconded the motion, and the motion carried with 5 ayes.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Chairperson Rodowick, aye; Vice-Chairperson Anderson, aye; Secretary Bellefeuille, aye; Director McGreehan, aye; Director Goodlin, aye.

**4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:****4.1. Finance Committee of August 18, 2023. – The committee met to discuss the consideration of opening a new account with Tri- Counties Bank and to consider an MOU with the Butte Fire Safe Council.**

Vice- Chairperson Anderson briefly went over what was discussed at the meeting and stated that the item was on the agenda for tonight's meeting.

**4.2. Recreation and Park Committee of August 23 ,2023. – The meeting was cancelled at the start due to a lack of a quorum.**

Chairperson Rodowick stated that the meeting was tabled for another time when there would be a quorum.

## 5. OLD BUSINESS:

### 5.1. Update on Lakeridge and Community Engagement. – Staff would like to give an update on Lakeridge Park and future community engagement (Information Only).

District Manager Efseaff introduced the item and Assistant District Manager Sweeney added to the introduction. She then talked about the Lakeridge Park property work that the California Conservation Corps has done and that another 11 acres of fuels reduction that will be done in October.

Secretary Bellefeuille asked about a timeline for the park and that maybe it should be reshared with the public. District Manager Efseaff provided feedback. Assistant District Manager Sweeney also gave some feedback on why the process has moved slower than anticipated.

Director McGreehan stated that the District is underway with the park project's environmental study.

Chairperson Rodowick then asked if there were any public comments. Members of the public made comments regarding Lakeridge Park, needing more communication, and that the District needs to be more diligent in following the published park project timeline.

Chairperson Rodowick then asked if there were any further public comments or comments from the Board. There were none.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### 6.1. Community Resilience Center Grant Program. – Staff are preparing a proposal for grant funding that would allow the Recreation Center at Lakeridge Park to serve as a Resilience Center with an increase in size and functionality. Development of the center is consistent with the Butte County's Upper Ridge Community Plan. If awarded funding, the facility could serve residents everyday needs for recreation, activities, programs, events, workshops, trainings, meetings, partner services, and an important asset during extreme weather events or other incidents. Recommendation: Adopt Resolution #23-09-1-531.

District Manager Efseaff introduced the item and then Assistant District Manager Sweeney explained what the grant was and what it offers. She also explained what else a Resiliency Center could be used for.

District Manager Efseaff gave some insight into the Resiliency Centers he has visited. Then Director McGreehan gave some information on how we got to this point, explaining the preliminary grant application process.

There was extensive conversation between the Board and staff about the application deadline coming soon, whether this will affect the District sticking to the timeline, the county's thoughts on a Resiliency Center in Magalia, when the award would be given, and if the grant requires support letters. District

Manager Efseaff and Assistant Manager Sweeney did their best to provide responses during the conversation.

Chairperson Rodowick then asked if there were any public comments. There were several comments and questions from members of the public about not needing or wanting a Resiliency Center, who will pay for the upkeep of the facility, what would a partnership look like in this situation, why would we duplicate something that already exists in Magalia, and if the District has looked at data to see who even uses the Public Safety Power Shut off (PSPS) stations. Staff provided feedback to the questions.

Director Goodlin and an attending citizen then both made comments on not just the current needs of the community, but also what the future needs look like and that the grant money is going to go somewhere either way; and asked why not try to get it for Magalia and Lakeridge Park?

Chairperson Rodowick then asked if there were any further public comments or comments from the Board. There were none.

**MOTION:**

Director McGreehan moved to adopt Resolution #23-09-1-531. Director Goodlin seconded the motion, and the motion carried with 5 ayes.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Chairperson Rodowick, aye; Vice-Chairperson Anderson, aye; Secretary Bellefeuille, aye; Director McGreehan, aye; Director Goodlin, aye.

**6.2. Authorize Opening a Tri- Counties Bank Account. – Staff have explored other local banking options with minimal costs to meet the District’s banking needs. Tri Counties Bank provides a variety of services and accounts that meet District needs with favorable interest rates and cost structure. Recommendation: Authorize staff to open accounts with Tri Counties Bank.**

District Manager Efseaff introduced the item and explained why the District is looking into other banking options. Sonny Ventimiglio then introduced himself and gave some background information on Tri-Counties Bank.

The Board then began asking questions like: what is a commercial analysis account and has the bank ever given money to Magalia Community Park? Sonny provided feedback.

District Manager Efseaff stated that the Finance Committee asked a lot of great questions and had a great conversation with the Tri- Counties Bank Staff. Director McGreehan then stated that the Finance Committee was very impressed with the options offered.

Chairperson Rodowick asked if there were any public comments. A citizen asked questions about Tri-Counties Bank and what the District had in their operations account at the moment. District Staff provided feedback.

District Accountant Merrifield then added some information about the account we have at Mechanics Bank at the current time, and the fees that are charged there.

Chairperson Rodowick then asked if there were any further public comments or comments from the Board. There were none.

**MOTION:**

Director McGreehan moved to authorize staff to open accounts with Tri Counties Bank. Vice-Chairperson Anderson seconded the motion, and the motion carried with 5 ayes.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Chairperson Rodowick, aye; Vice-Chairperson Anderson, aye; Secretary Bellefeuille, aye; Director McGreehan, aye; Director Goodlin, aye.

**6.3. Authorize District Manager to Enter Into Lease Agreement – The District has diligently been looking for additional office space. We have multiple people in 3 of our office spaces and as we continue to onboard, we are at space capacity. The District has found a space close to the Terry Ashe Recreation Center and there is a chance to lease a great space that could house several staff members. Recommendation: A) Authorize the District Manager to sign the lease for 6529 Skyway or B) to find and sign a lease for a different property if no longer available.**

District Manager Efseaff introduced the item and explained why the District is looking for additional office space. Board Clerk Hoffman then gave some information on the building that was being discussed.

Board Clerk Hoffman also explained that currently the District has a storage unit with donated office furniture. If the District moves forward with the lease agreement, the furniture will be used in the additional office space and the storage unit lease will be ended.

The Board then asked questions regarding parking at the building, if the District budgeted for this, and if the District had a utility cost to provide. Both District Manager Efseaff and Board Clerk Hoffman gave feedback.

Director McGreehan noted that there was an error in the address and to make sure that was corrected before signing the lease agreement.

Chairperson Rodowick asked if there were any public comments. Citizen Stonebraker made a brief comment on the office space and utilizing the facility more.

Chairperson Rodowick then asked if there were any further comments from the Board. There were none. He then asked for a motion.

**MOTION:**

Secretary Bellefeuille moved to A) Authorize the District Manager to sign the lease for 6529 Skyway or B) to find and sign a lease for a different property if no longer available. Chairperson Rodowick seconded the motion, and the motion carried with 5 ayes.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Chairperson Rodowick, aye; Vice-Chairperson Anderson, aye; Secretary Bellefeuille, aye; Director McGreehan, aye; Director Goodlin, aye.

**7. REPORTS:****7.1 District Report:**

District Manager Efseaff talked about the CalPERS Lawsuit and a possible collaboration with the Chico Ice Rink.

District Account Merrifield gave a brief verbal report on District finances and the District's CalPERS account.

Park Supervisor Cobb gave a verbal report on his maintenance crew. He talked about all the painting that Dave Ricca is doing at the TARC, the bridge being redone at Bille Park, and the RC track being fixed.

Recreation Supervisor Amick gave an update on the Elements program, he briefly talked about the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary party, and then mentioned information about an inclusivity training that would be coming up.

There was a brief comment made by Chairperson Rodowick on the painting of the storage container at the lake. Recreation Supervisor Amick stated that it was Park Supervisor Cobbs crew that did that, but that high school students will be coming and adding a mural to it.

Recreation Supervisor Dailey gave an update on the pool. He talked about adult softball and the upcoming tournaments. He stated that Judo is still going on in Concow and that there are two new Tiny Tots staff coming on board to help teacher Lori. Jeff then introduced Tyler Woodcox (Recreation Leader III) to talk about his programs. Tyler went through the programs he runs and what he would like to do in the future.

**7.2 Board Liaison Reports:**

- Director Goodlin- Stated that a Paradise neighborhood created the first Paradise Firewise Community.
- Director McGreehan- attended a CARPD meeting via zoom on August 23<sup>rd</sup> regarding the annual conference, attended a CARD Board meeting on September 6<sup>th</sup> regarding their Ice Rink, attended a CHIP meeting the evening of September 6<sup>th</sup> via zoom regarding the CHIP housing, and then attended a LAFCO meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Chairperson Rodowick attended a Butte County Board of Supervisors meeting to discuss the potential approval of the impact fee study put forward by Feather River Park District, however the Board sent them back to the drawing board due to issues.

**8. CLOSED SESSION: None****9. BOARD COMMENT:**

- Director McGreehan stated that maybe in the future the District could collaborate with Magalia Community Park to have more meetings in Magalia.
- Chairperson Rodowick informed those present that the Bille Park Pet Memorial won best memorial to honor victims for in the Best of Chico 2023 competition.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairperson Rodowick adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m. until the next Regular Board meeting, scheduled for October 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Terry Ashe Recreation Center,

  
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Steve Rodowick, Chairperson

  
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Mary Bellefeuille, Secretary

