Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District April 23, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on April 23, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. via virtual meeting, in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado.

1. MEMBERS PRESENT

1.1. Tom Saalfeld, Bill Suarez, Jason Plante, Kim Newbury Rediker, Roland Kjesbo

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

2.1. None

3. STAFF PRESENT

3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jessie Klehfoth, Jerry Stevens

4. OTHERS PRESENT

4.1. Rick Sackbauer, unknown phone caller

5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

5.1. Eric Weaver

6. CALL TO ORDER

6.1. Director Saalfeld called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

7. CHANGES TO AGENDA

7.1. None

8. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

8.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2020 regular meeting, March 13, 2020 special meeting and April 9, 2020 emergency meeting.

9. PUBLIC INPUT FOR MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON AGENDA

9.1. None

10. EAGLE COUNTY RECREATION REOPENING PROTOCOLS

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- 10.1. Mr. Mike Ortiz gave the board an update on all the work VRD staff have been doing to prepare for reopening facilities and programming when they are able to under public health orders. He talked about the partnership between VRD staff, Eagle County health officials and other local golf courses to create safety and cleaning protocols and new operating procedures to begin golf operations while abiding by all public health orders and doing everything possible to keep guests and staff safe.
- 10.2. Mr. Ortiz urged the public to follow the health orders for their own safety and for the benefit of the entire community to keep moving through the different public health orders quickly and ensure that we are set up to have a good winter season, paramount to the local economic recovery.
- 10.3. Mr. Ortiz also talked about the great partnership between VRD, Mountain Recreation, Avon Recreation, Crown Mountain Recreation and Eagle Vail Metro District on creating county-wide protocols and procedures surrounding all recreational programming, including tennis, pickleball, races, fitness centers, adult leagues, summer camps and more, and to discuss as a group when each type of activity can begin to reopen based on the different transition trail map phases laid out by county health officials.
- 10.4. Mr. Ortiz also thanked Eagle County officials and public health staff for their leadership throughout this trying time and for being available to answer questions and work through these different recreational protocols.
- 10.5. After some discussion, the Board thanked Mr. Ortiz and staff for all the hard work.

11. RATIFICATION AND EXTENSION OF THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION

- 11.1. Mr. Ortiz asked the board to ratify and extend the Vail Park and Recreation District Declaration of a Local Disaster Emergency until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.
- 11.2. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to ratify and extend the Vail Park and Recreation District Declaration of a Local Disaster Emergency, to terminate on the date of the next regular Board meeting, May 28, unless continued by the Board.

12. MARCH 2020 FINANCIALS

- 12.1. Mr. Weaver walked the Board through the District's financials as presented in the Board packet. He highlighted that the District has made the final payment on the Dobson bonds, so those have been retired and the District is no longer in debt.
- 12.2. Mr. Weaver spoke about the various unknowns related to the economy due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and how budget forecasting has become very difficult. At this time, Mr. Weaver is forecasting many departments to be 30% down in revenues for the year. The biggest unknowns are events at

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Dobson and the Vail Golf & Nordic Clubhouse, which will all depend on when the public health restrictions are loosened enough to allow these types of functions to restart. As a result, he has forecasted many of the event-related revenues to be down 50% for the year. With half of the revenues coming from property taxes, he does expect the VRD to see all that revenue come in, however the timing will be delayed this year with the county granting extensions on tax deadlines to businesses and individuals.

- 12.3. Mr. Weaver's preliminary projection anticipates the VRD could be down \$1.5 to \$2 million in revenue this year, but thankfully VRD has a large reserve fund and the added mill levy that was passed a few years ago will enable the District to survive this deficit.
- 12.4. Mr. Weaver talked about expenses and is projecting some savings in staffing and operations costs on the expense side with programming delayed and closed. He has found approximately \$400,000 in operational savings so far.
- 12.5. Overall, Mr. Weaver was positive about the VRD's financial situation and expect that the VRD will finish the year with approximately \$4 million in reserves, only about \$350,000 off of the original projection, due mainly to deferment of capital projects.

13. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

- 13.1. Mr. Ortiz gave highlights from the Directors' Reports as presented in the Board packet.
- 13.2. After some discussion the Board thanked Mr. Ortiz and his team for a great job working through all the new public health orders and rules.

14. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 14.1. Director Rediker thanked Director Suarez for his time on the Board and stated that it was a pleasure serving with him. She encouraged him to continue participating in the Board meeting and bring public input to the Board since he has such a good pulse on the community. She also thanked Mr. Ortiz and Mrs. Klehfoth for all their work during this time and staying up to date on all the changing information.
- 14.2. Director Plante also thanked the administration team Mr. Ortiz, Mrs. Klehfoth, Mrs. Heredia for all they've done and have dealt with recently. He also thanked Director Suarez for his time on the board. He also thanked the golf maintenance staff for their hard work preparing the golf course this spring.
- 14.3. Director Kjesbo reiterated earlier points that we have to keep paying attention to everything and let's get to stage three and four as soon as we can.
- 14.4. Director Suarez thanked everyone for their comments and said it's been an honor and a joy to serve on the Board one of the best things he's done in his lifetime. He thanked Mrs. Klehfoth, Mr. Weaver and all the department

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heads for everything they've been coming up with and how hard they've all been working. He also recognized Mr. Jim Sanders for all the work he's done with the VRD and that he's going to miss him when Mr. Sanders retires shortly.

14.5. Director Saalfeld said he looked at the new netting project on hole 6 of the Vail Golf Course and that it looks good. He also asked that the cracks at Dobson be inspected by an engineer or the town. He asked that Mr. Jerry Stevens be communicating with pickleball players about when the courts are expected to open. Finally, he thanked Director Suarez for his service on the Board and said he's looking forward to a party to celebrate with Mr. Suarez and Mr. Sanders and send them off properly, once restrictions are lifted.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 15.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to move into executive session for the purpose(s):
 - 1. §24-6-402(4) (a), C.R.S., concerning the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal, or other property interest. 545 N. Frontage Rd.
- 15.2. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to move out of executive session.

16. ADJOURNMENT

16.1. Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Vail Recreation District Board of Directors.

Respectfully Submitted, Jessie Klehfoth Secretary to the Meeting