
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District
dba Vail Recreation District
April 23, 2026

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on April 23, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at the Vail Town Council Chambers, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado.

1. MEMBERS PRESENT

1.1. Bob Armour, Kim Saalfeld, Kirk Hansen, John Rediker, Molly Rabin

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

2.1. None.

3. STAFF PRESENT

3.1. Nell Davis, April Heredia, Mike Ortiz, Scott O'Connell, Trey Johnson

4. OTHERS PRESENT

4.1. None.

5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

5.1. Abby Audino, Marchetti & Weaver, LLC

6. CALL TO ORDER

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

7. CHANGES TO AGENDA

7.1. None.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

8.1 By motion duly made and seconded by it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2026, meeting.

9. PUBLIC INPUT FOR MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON AGENDA

9.1 None.

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10. DOBSON CONSTRUCTION UPDATE
 - 10.1 Mr. Mike Ortiz shared many photos of the different locations within Dobson and gave a brief description of the work being done currently. Some highlights shared were that the main entrance will now be on the west side of the building. Bathroom count has increased from 25 in the old building to 52 in the new building. Also, capacity will increase from 2800 to 3500.

11. PROGRESS REPORT ON ATHLETIC FIELD STORAGE AND RESTROOMS
 - 11.1 Mr. Scott O'Connell shared with the board that construction is currently on schedule. Currently he is working with the Town of Vail on the gate system. He is also working with different entities on utilities for the building. There are lots of moving parts right now with good progress. The building is scheduled for a September finish date.

12. VAIL GOLF CLUB UPDATE
 - 12.1 Mr. Trey Johnson shared with the board the great effort between the golf operation and golf maintenance teams, getting the course ready for its 9-hole opening on April 24th. No carts, walking only until May 1st when carts will be allowed on cart paths only. On May 8, 2026, all cart restrictions will be lifted.
 - 12.2 Contracts for cart path resurfacing are still being reviewed with contractors. When a contractor is chosen the process will be to do 9 holes at a time. We will still offer 18 holes, but the player will play same 9 twice. There is a potential that work will start the week of April 27th. The plan is to be done by May 31st, 2026.
 - 12.3 Other construction updates are: #5 is playing as a temporary hole as work is needed on the left side due to tree shading. They have added a different breed of grass that does better in shady conditions so this should help the growth of grass in this area. Also, the tee box at #7 is dug out and work is being done on the drainage. It will be sodded so the grow time will be less, anticipating around 4 weeks.
 - 12.4 Director Rediker asked about the water situation for the golf course this summer due to the lack of snow this past winter. Mr. Ortiz shared that the district has a drought management plan agreement with Eagle River Water & Sanitation District from 2005 that will guide the water restrictions this summer as the different phases are reached.
 - 12.5 The restaurant is scheduled to open on May 15th, 2026.

13. MARCH 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT
 - 13.1 Ms. Abby Audino reviewed with the board that March financials showed a lot of positive numbers. Revenue numbers show that current abatements for the district are down and anticipate more to come later in the year. Gymnastics is showing positive numbers, whereas Nordic did end their season down. Food and Beverage banquet room had a strong March. Expenses are showing savings at this time mostly due to timing. The standout area would be in administration, and this would

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be due to increased legal fees due to the Dobson agreement. The overall fund balance has decreased by 1.7 million. The district is overall in a strong financial position.

14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

14.1 Mr. Mike Ortiz shared the director's report that can be requested by sending an email to admin@vailrec.com

14.2 Mr. Ortiz shared the district is currently working with Town of Vail, Eagle River Water & Sanitation District as well as Betty Ford Gardens on how to maintain the fields at Ford Park this summer. The district is planning on turning off irrigation on current surrounds for the summer around the tennis center. These areas should just go dormant and will not be affected for one season. Mr. Ortiz shared that the fields would need to be watered as they cannot go dormant or it will ruin the fields.

14.3 Mr. Ortiz also shared that the first white water races have been cancelled for lack of flow in Gore Creek. The second may be cancelled as well and then a decision will be made if the whole series should be cancelled.

14.4 Mr. Ortiz also thanked both the golf operations and golf maintenance crews for all their hard work and for providing a longer golf season.

15. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

15.1 Director Saalfeld gave kudos to the marketing department for all their continued posts on social media. It is great to see so much more communication. She also acknowledged the good job for all the teams involved with the changing of season.

15.2 Director Rabin applauded Nordic for making it through their season. She also is excited about the upcoming golf season and has enrolled her girls in the First Tee program. She was excited that our course was one of 16 courses in Colorado offering First Tee. Director Rabin also gave a shout out to Mr. Joel Rabinowitz for all of his hard work on the great offerings for kids in the valley, especially soccer.

15.3 Director Hansen shared gratitude to all of the department directors for the amazing job that they all do. He thanked the district for being on top of the drought plans for the summer. He also recognized and appreciated the step-up on marketing that has been happening.

15. Director Armour gave a shoutout to the Food & Beverage team for their work on Taste of Vail. He also recognized the work done by the Nordic maintenance team for shoveling and making both the Tony O'Rourke Memorial Snowshoe Shuffle and the Shamrock Shuffle Nordic race events possible this winter.

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16. ADJOURNMENT

11.1 Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Vail Recreation District Board of Directors before going into executive session.

Respectfully Submitted,
April Heredia
Secretary to the Meeting