
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District
dba Vail Recreation District
May 28, 2026

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on May 28, 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 arrived at 5:05 p.m., 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, Beth Pappas

4. OTHERS PRESENT

- 4.1. None.

5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

- 5.1. Eric Weaver, 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. Mr. Mike Ortiz wanted to acknowledge the 2026 Tom Slaughter Scholarship winners for this year. He shared with the board that two of the four winners were in attendance. The two winners in attendance were Champ McNair and Cynthia Casteneda. Mr. Ortiz shared a brief background and accomplishments for both winners and awarded them a check. He also shared with the board that the other two winners are Vicente Provoste-Davis and Snow Swihart.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 8.1 By motion duly made it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2026, meeting.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Vail Recreation District April 23, 2026, Meeting Minutes

9. PUBLIC INPUT FOR MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON AGENDA

9.1 None.

10. DROUGHT MANAGEMENT PLANS-VAIL GOLF COURSE AND FORD PARK

10.1 Mr. Mike Ortiz started with the golf course water plan. He shared with the board that the plan is designed to keep the course as healthy as possible through this drought. He reviewed the plan and the 3 triggers that will drive the plan this summer. It is based on the CSF readings of the river. Mr. Ortiz shared with the board that we do not have any water rights and that we get our water from the river. The three triggers are as follows: Tier one is when the Gore Creek river is at 20 CFS, the second tier is when the Gore Creek is at 18 CFS and the last tier is when the Eagle River is at 18 CSF in Minturn. Within each tier there are specific areas of the course that will be modified by each tier.

10.2 Ford Park has had a plan in place since 2005. Mr. Ortiz shared photos of the park and pointed out areas that will not be watered this summer. The district will follow the plan and adjust as needed throughout the summer. The tennis courts will also be part of this plan and courts will be shut down when the need arises to preserve more water. The main fields will be watered 2 times a week and will be maintained as best as possible. Mr. Ortiz shared with the board that the fields are viewed as economic drivers for Vail and that is why they will be maintained as best they can.

11. ASPHALT PAVING AT VAIL GOLF COURSE

11.1 Mr. Scott O'Connell reported that all the paving on the golf course has been completed. He was very happy with the contractor stating they did a great job. He thanked both Trey Johnson and Andy Beske for doing a great job with communication for both the public and staff while this project was getting completed. Landscapers were wrapping some simple repairs that were needed to complete this project.

12. UPDATE ON SPORTS PROGRAMMING

12.1 Mrs. Beth Pappas shared with the board the many events that their department has successfully executed since winter. There have been some weather challenges that made some of the events difficult, but the department has done a great job overcoming these challenges to continue providing the best programming they can.

12.2 Mrs. Pappas also shared summer events that the team has already executed and shared what is to come. She shared that a new enduro racecourse is being worked and will be coming soon.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Vail Recreation District April 23, 2026, Meeting Minutes

13 APRIL 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT

13.1 Mr. Eric Weaver shared that there were not many changes from last month's report. Financials are currently on track. He shared that the district will be closing on the employee housing unit tomorrow May 29, 2026. He also shared that the audit was complete and went well. He plans on presenting it to the board at next month's meeting.

14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

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

13.2 Mr. Ortiz shared with the board that the district has a new pickleball director. Mrs. Carol Johnson will be the new director. She has a lot of pickleball experience and is excited to bring new programming to the courts.

13.3 Mr. Ortiz thanked Mr. Scott O'Connell for all his hard work as he has been very busy juggling many big projects throughout the district and is doing a great job with each project. Getting the asphalt project completed is a huge accomplishment as it has been on the list for quite a while.

13.4 Mr. Ortiz also gave a shout out to sports directors Joel Rabinowitz and Beth Pappas and the sports team for pulling off white water races this year. Participants were happy.

15. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

14.1 Director Hansen asked if the Sportsmanship game at Dobson will happen this year. Mr. Ortiz answered yes that will be held in November.

14.2 Director Saalfeld shared her excitement about pickleball this year with the new programming that is planned. She also wanted to share that the executive director's report from all directors in the district is a great report and she enjoys reading it every month.

14.3 Director Rabin gave a shout out to the Grill on the Gore restaurant at the golf course. She shared her excitement for them having weekly specials. She also shared youth soccer just finished up and once again the VRD did a great job with it.

14.4 Director Armour thanked Mr. Mike Ortiz for his work with the Town of Vail's Greg Barry on drought practices. He shared that the Town of Vail has an aggressive plan for the summer a couple of examples are no flowers in roundabouts and no children water features will be on this summer. Mr. Armour also gave a shoutout to the restaurant, they are doing a great job out there. He thanked Mr. Mike Ortiz for taking the time to do a tour with representatives from Park City. Mr. Ortiz took them on a tour of many of the VRD properties such as Dobson, Ford park and the golf course.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Vail Recreation District April 23, 2026, Meeting Minutes

16. ADJOURNMENT

15.1 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,
April Heredia
Secretary to the Meeting