
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District
dba Vail Recreation District
May 28, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on May 28, 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, Jason Plante, Kim Newbury Rediker, Roland Kjesbo. Kirk Hansen

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

2.1. None

3. STAFF PRESENT

3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jessie Klehfoth, Alice Plain, Scott Todd, Scott O'Connell

4. OTHERS PRESENT

4.1. 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. Added an agenda item for election of board officers.

8. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

- 8.1. Director Saalfeld nominated Director Rediker to be the board secretary.
8.1.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to elect Director Rediker as board secretary.
- 8.2. Director Kjesbo nominated Director Saalfeld to be board chairman.
8.2.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to elect Director Saalfeld as board chairman.
- 8.3. Director Saalfeld nominated Director Plante to be board treasurer.

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8.3.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to elect Director Plante as board treasurer.

9. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

9.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2020 regular meeting.

10. PUBLIC INPUT FOR MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON AGENDA

10.1. None

11. REVIEW OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

11.1. Mr. Scott O'Connell updated the Board on various capital projects being worked on around the District, including golf course bridges and lightning shelter maintenance, a new netting between the athletic field and golf course, and the new marketing office at Dobson Arena. After some discussion, the Board thanked Mr. O'Connell for his hard work.

12. REVIEW OF GOLF COURSE OPERATIONS

12.1. Mrs. Alice Plain updated the Board on golf course operations and new protocols due to COVID-19. She said the course has been very busy since opening day, and staff has been working hard to keep everyone safe. Pass sales for 2020 have exceeded 2019 numbers and the course has been very busy, with great weather as well. She talked about the new GPS systems on the carts, and also that retail sales in the pro shop have been almost double of the sales seen last year at this time. Carts, push carts and clubs are available to rent, and the golf course is now welcoming visitors and Eagle County residents, per the relaxed public health orders. The Grill on the Gore restaurant is scheduled to open on June 12. Events at the clubhouse are limited in capacity by public health orders, and some guests have chosen to reschedule their weddings and larger events back to a later date. After some discussion, the Board thanked Mrs. Plain and her staff for their hard work.

13. REVIEW OF RECREATION PROGRAM PROTOCOLS

13.1. Mr. Ortiz walked the Board through some of the different COVID-19-related changes to VRD programming. He thanked the staff for all their work coming up with creative and innovative ways to operate programs under the current public health restrictions while keeping staff, resident and guest safety as the priority focus. Many of the different department heads have been working with their counterparts at other rec agencies in the valley, and with Eagle County Public Health to get approval on their plans. Mr. Ortiz highlighted new protocols for golf, day camps, softball, races, and more. After some discussion, the Board thanked Mr. Ortiz and staff for all their

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hard work on these protocols and procedures.

14. RATIFICATION AND EXTENSION OF THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION

- 14.1. 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.
- 14.2. 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, June 25, unless continued by the Board.

15. UPDATE GOLF MAINTENANCE

- 15.1. Mr. Scott Todd gave the Board an overview on the status of the Vail Golf Course maintenance and all the work the superintendent's team has done to get the course ready throughout the winter and spring. This included a lot of work on the fairways and greens, and the resodding of a number of greens in the spring to help them be ready for play more quickly and be more manageable regarding Poa Annua. He talked about the difference between the two types of grass on the course – Poa Annua and Creeping Bentgrass – and the various tools and processes the maintenance team uses to prepare the course each year. After some discussion, the Board thanked Mr. Todd and his team for all their hard work.

16. APRIL 2020 FINANCIALS

- 16.1. Mr. Weaver walked the Board through the District's financials as presented in the Board packet.
- 16.2. Mr. Weaver spoke about the various unknowns related to the economy due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and how budget forecasting has been very difficult. He said some of the forecasts have changed just in the past few days with the possibility of opening Dobson Arena in July for the Bob Johnson Hockey School. The biggest financial unknown remains events at the clubhouse and when those might resume in earnest. He also talked about deferring some capital projects to future years.
- 16.3. Overall, Mr. Weaver was optimistic about the budget shortfalls and thanked the staff for finding creative ways to resume some revenue-generating programming, while also trying to cut costs at every opportunity.

17. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

- 17.1. Mr. Ortiz gave highlights from the Directors' Reports as presented in the Board packet.
- 17.2. Mr. Ortiz also talked about the Vail Scholar Athlete Award winners and will present the awards to the winners at the June board meeting.

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17.3. After some discussion, the Board thanked Mr. Ortiz for all his hard work.

18. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 18.1. Director Rediker thanked staff for selecting Mr. Owen Ruotolo as the Vail Scholar Athlete award winner.
- 18.2. Director Hansen looked back on the time from his past VRD board experience in the 90s until now and all that VRD has accomplished for the town of Vail and the community, plus he outlined some ideas he has for the future of VRD.
- 18.3. Director Plante commended the staff for all their hard work, especially those staff who are helping Mr. Todd at the golf course, the staff at community programming for their work on camps, and the sports department for their PLAYdemic challenge idea. He thanked Mr. Ortiz for the long hours and said everyone is going a good job.
- 18.4. Director Kjesbo thanked Mr. Ortiz for the great team he's put together and how awesome the staff has been, especially in light of all the COVID-19 challenges. He thanked everyone for their hard work and team effort.
- 18.5. Director Saalfeld thanked Director Hansen for his lookback on VRD history and hopes we can continue to take steps to improve VRD into the future.

19. ADJOURNMENT

- 19.1. 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