

WEST SIDE RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT
500 Cascade Place
Taft, CA 93268

Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
November 15, 2018

Call to Order:

Director Orrin called the regular board meeting of the West Side Recreation and Park District Board of Directors to order at 6:13 p.m. in the District's Activity Room at the Recreation Center.

Roll Call:

Director Jorgensen-Absent, Director Heimiller-Absent, Director Orrin-Present
Director Swearingin-Present, Director Davis-Present

Staff Present:

Les Clark, District Administrator
Christy Cloud, Business Services Supervisor

Guests Present:

Public Presentations and Comments

Approval of Minutes- October 18, 2018

A motion was made by Director Swearingin and seconded by Director Davis to accept the minutes of the regular board meeting as presented
All ayes – Yes Motion passed – Yes

Approval of Cash Disbursements-September 2018

A motion was made by Director Swearingin and seconded by Director Davis to accept the Cash Disbursement Report as presented.

Roll Call: Director Jorgensen – absent, Director Heimiller - absent, Director Swearingin-yes,
Director Davis –yes, Director Orrin - yes
Motion passed – Yes

Old Business: None

New Business:

West Side Foundation (501c3) – We used to have a West Side Foundation as a 501c3. Les would like to revisit this idea and create another Foundation. We currently receive donations as a 170c1 but there are larger companies and more partnership opportunities that only recognize a 501c3 company. This will be put back on the agenda at the beginning of 2019.

MOU-City of Taft – We are in the beginning stages of extending our MOU with the City of Taft and creating a Joint Powers Agreement. We could potentially get more grant funding.

Board Committee Assignments – This hasn't been done since Les took over as District Administrator and he feels that we need to reorganize. Director Davis would like to see the committees organized based on individual strengths. This item will be tabled until all board members are available to attend.

Prop 68 – Park & Water Bond – Parks, Environment and Water Bond – this is a 4-billion-dollar general obligation bond. We can potentially receive \$200,000 - \$600,000. Les is working with Neil McCormick with CSDA and Rick Richards with CAPRI in regards to this bond.

Rec Shop – Les is in discussion with the Chamber and Eduardo Gonzalez – San Joaquin Valley Rural Development Center in regards to an opportunity involving the Rec Shop for Community and Economic Development. We are looking to expand into a more full-service sporting goods shop.

Attorney Comments: None

District Administrator Letters, Announcements or Requests: Les met with a couple of Buttonwillow board members regarding working together to help manage their Rec and Park District. The plan is to utilize our staff to oversee their

District. Maximum would be 8 hours weekly - \$20,000/year. After the first 3 months there would be a meeting to see if any adjustments need to be made. We would be paid quarterly up front. There is a Condor game on Dec 1st and we have tickets to a suite and will be given to board members and a few staff members. We recently had our CAPRI audit and passed with flying colors. We were told out of the 64 agencies we were the most organized. WE just had our on-site financial audit this week and it was also a great success. WE are offering Rec amenities for free tomorrow night to welcome the public due to the recent tragedies in the community. We traditionally go dark in December for the meeting so the Board agreed to go dark this December 2018. A motion was made by Director Davis and seconded by Director Swarengin – AIF – Yes.

Board Member Announcements or Requests: Director Davis informed the board that NOR recently cut their football program. This could be a potential opportunity for the District. There is a definite need for a football recreation program. The creation of a 501c3 will foster an even better relationship with the high school.

Items for Future Agendas: Board Committee Assignments, Prop 68 – Park & Water Bond, Buttonwillow MOU, Rec Shop, City of Taft MOU, Solar (closed session), West Side Foundation (501c3)

Adjournment: Regular meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Closed Session: At this time the Board will go into closed session to discuss contract negotiations.

Return to Open Session: The Board returned at 7:50 p.m. and no action was taken. This will be brought back in the January meeting.

A motion was made by Director Swarengin and seconded by Director Davis to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Next regular meeting is January 17, 2019

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District Administrator