

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

**Minutes**  
**May 24, 2021**

**Call to Order:**

Director Swearengin called the regular board meeting of the West Side Recreation and Park District Board of Directors to order at 6:29 pm.

**Roll Call:**

Director Jorgensen-Present, Director Heimiller-Present, Director Orrin-Absent, Director Chavira-Present  
Director Swearengin-Present

**Staff Present:**

Les Clark, District Administrator  
Christy Cloud – Business Services Supervisor

Jason Epperson - Attorney

**Guests Present:**

**Public Presentations and Comments**

**Approval of Minutes- April 26, 2021**

A motion was made by Director Heimiller and seconded by Director Chavira to approve the minutes for April 26, 2021

**Motion Passed – Yes**

**Approval of Cash Disbursements- April 2021**

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

**Roll Call:** Director Jorgensen – yes, Director Heimiller - yes, Director Swearengin-yes,  
Director Orrin – no, Director Chavira - yes

**Motion passed – Yes**

**Old Business:**

- a. **FF Lights** – We received a letter from CAPRI and they covered the loss of (1) pole but denied the claim to cover the additional light poles. The inspection found (6) poles to be questionable and needed to be inspected again in 2 years. Les will respond to the letter and voice concerns of liability.
- b. **Natatorium** – Estimate of \$500,000 to get the pool back in operation. Chemical costs would increase if pool repairs would be made and we would lose our grandfather status in regards to current compliance. Potential partnership with the high school to utilize their pool in the future.
- c. **Veteran's Hall** – Les met with the County and WKAEN – West Kern has a rather large amount of grant funds available to refurbish the building. They will meet with the County and create a new lease agreement and we can then create an MOU with WKAEN for utilizing the building for programs.

**New Business:**

- a. **Federal Relief Funds** – The State of California was awarded approximately 36 billion from the Federal government in the latest American Rescue Plan Act but Special Districts were left out. We have to put together information to get a chunk of this money to replace lost revenue and expenses due to COVID.
- b. **July 4<sup>th</sup> & Fireworks Booth** – Taft Chamber is having a Fireworks show at Franklin Field on July 4<sup>th</sup>. They have asked for staff and we are looking into how we can help out. The district will be running a Fireworks booth again this year with a portion of proceeds going to local military care packages and the rest for the Wildcatter program and STOP fund. We will be in the front parking lot this year.

**Attorney Comments:** None

**District Administrator Letters, Announcements or Requests:** As of April, our budget actuals are in the black which is amazing. After all expenses through the end of the fiscal year we will be in the red but nowhere near our original budgeted amount. We are working on the fencing project – our original guy that came out and marked the facility was fired and we will start it on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Board Member Announcements or Requests:** Accolades to Brad White and the maintenance department for how nice the grounds look and to Brad for the pool tour.

**Items for Future Agendas:** PPA (Purchasing Power Agreement), MOU with WKAEN (Veteran’s Hall), Quimby Impact Fees, 1<sup>st</sup> reading 21/22 prelim budget, potential mergers with other Special Districts.

A motion was made by Director Swearingin and seconded by Director Heimiller to adjourn the meeting.

**Adjournment:** Regular meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

**Closed Session:** At this time the board will go into closed session to discuss Contract Negotiations.

**Return to Open Session:** The board returned to open session at 7:55 pm – Board discussed, in closed session, items on the agenda and direction was given to staff.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

**Next regular meeting is June 28, 2021**

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