

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

**Minutes**  
**February 28, 2022**

**Call to Order:**

Director Orrin called the regular board meeting of the West Side Recreation and Park District Board of Directors to order at 6:00 pm.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Staff Present:**

Les Clark, District Administrator  
Christy Cloud – Business Services Supervisor

Jason Epperson - Attorney

**Guests Present:**

**Public Presentations and Comments**

**Approval of Minutes- Jan 24, 2022**

A motion was made by Director Swearingin and seconded by Director Jorgensen to approve the minutes for January 24, 2022

**Motion Passed – Yes**

**Approval of Cash Disbursements- Jan 2022**

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

**Roll Call:** Director Jorgensen – yes, Director Heimiller - absent, Director Swearingin-yes,  
Director Orrin – yes, Director Chavira - yes

**Motion passed – Yes**

**Old Business:**

- a. **Natatorium Town Hall Meeting** – The pool was built in 1937 and we purchased it from Taft City School District in 1991 for \$217,000. It needs a complete overhaul – cracks in decking, pool liner, dilapidated lockers/showers. We received the Bill Thomas Improvement Grant approximately 15 years ago and installed a new deck, liner, shade structures, waterslides/rock wall, upgraded locker rooms, restrooms & showers, partial plumbing repairs. Current costs to repair all of the issues would be approximately \$591,000. Grants are available but cannot be used for operational costs and the pool loses money every year so Sustainability comes into question.
- b. **FF Blacktop Quotes** – We are still working on this but struggling to get quotes for this project.
- c. **Prop 68 Update** – We are still working on this. We are trying to figure out how quickly the State will reimburse costs since the district would pay the money and then be reimbursed by the State.

**New Business:**

- a. **Chevron – Little League and Ponytail** – Chevron donated \$65,000 to our STOP program for our Little League & Ponytail Leagues registration. Opening ceremonies will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm at Volunteer Field.
- b. **LAFCO** - We received nomination paperwork from LAFCO for a special district representative on the LAFCO board. The board nominated Carlos Chavira.

**Attorney Comments:** None

**District Administrator Letters, Announcements or Requests:** We have 398 kids signed up for Little League/Ponytail. There are approximately 50 kids for Track. Aaron Nadal, Recreation Supervisor, will be moving to Idaho and we are transitioning Bethany Fitzsimmons into that position to oversee the Rec Center.

**Board Member Announcements or Requests:** Director Orrin, Jorgensen, Swearingin and Chavira all thanked those who came to the Town Hall Meeting to discuss the pool. Director Chavira was disappointed that there weren't more in attendance and they all thanked the staff for putting the presentation together.

**Items for Future Agendas:** Daryl Christensen (IT) will be present at the March meeting, mid-year revisions 21/22, 20/21 audit, board positions and committee assignments, ABM building solutions (solar).

**Adjournment:** Regular meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

**Closed Session:** At this time the board will go into closed session to discuss (1) potential cases of anticipated litigation.

**Return to Open Session:** The board returned to open session at 8:30 pm – The Board discussed in closed sessions those items agendaized for closed session discussion and direction was given to staff. No reportable action was taken.

Adjournment: Board adjourned at 8:34 pm

**Next regular meeting is March 28, 2022**

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