



North of the River

recreation and park district

**NORTH OF THE RIVER RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR MEETING
3825 RIVERLAKES DRIVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023, 5:30 P.M.**

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER: BOARD MEETING CONVENED BY CHAIRPERSON STEVE RUETTGERS AT 5:31 P.M.**

- 2. ROLL CALL:**
 - BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**
CRYSTAL MADDEN; JAMES NABORS; STEVE RUETTGERS;
JENIFER VANALSTEIN
 - BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**
BROOKS DOUGLASS
 - STAFF PRESENT**
MIKE EVANS; RACHEAL GARCIA; ESTHER GRIJALVA;
JASMIN LOBASSO; WAYNE MCARTHUR;
MARLYN SILVA (LEFT AT 5:38PM); STEPH THISIUS-SANDERS
 - LEGAL COUNSEL**
NONE
 - PUBLIC PRESENT**
BRET HANEY; MIKE PULTE (LEFT AT 5:37 P.M.)

- 3. FLAG SALUTE:** Board Member James Nabors led the flag salute.

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The North of the River Recreation and Park District Board of Directors may take official action only on items included in the posted agenda. Items addressed during the Public Comment section are generally matters not included on the agenda and, therefore, the Board will not take action at this scheduled meeting. Such items, however, may be added to a future meeting's agenda. Members of the public may address the Board on items included on the agenda in the order that the items appear. Speakers are limited to two minutes. Please state your name before making your presentation. Thank you!

Mike Pulte informed the Board of an incident that occurred at the qualifying track meet. Mr. Pulte is working with staff to resolve the issue. Mr. Pulte also commended the park staff for working hard to keep the fields playable for the BASA softball season during the rainy weather.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Secretary Declaration of Posting of Agenda 72 Hours in Advance of Meeting

Declaration by the Clerk of the Board of Directors that the agenda was posted at least 72 hours in advance of meeting. BOARD APPROVED SECRETARY DECLARATION.

Nabors; Madden: Ayes: Madden; Nabors; Ruetters; VanAlstein.

Noes: None. Absent: Douglass. Motion carried.

B. Approval of Minutes from the Board of Directors' Regular Meeting Held March 20, 2023

Request by Clerk of the Board of Directors to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. BOARD APPROVED MINUTES.

Nabors; Madden: Ayes: Madden; Nabors; Ruetters; VanAlstein.

Noes: None. Absent: Douglass. Motion carried.

C. Approval of Minutes from the Board of Directors' Special Meeting Held March 27, 2023

Request by Clerk of the Board of Directors to approve the minutes from the March 27, 2023 Special Board Meeting. BOARD APPROVED MINUTES.

Nabors; Madden: Ayes: Madden; Nabors; Ruetters; VanAlstein.

Noes: None. Absent: Douglass. Motion carried.

D. Receive and File Bills and Invoice

A monthly voucher list of bills submitted for payment during the previous month was provided to Board Members for review, comment, and filing. BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED BILLS AND INVOICES.

Nabors; Madden: Ayes: Madden; Nabors; Ruetters; VanAlstein.

Noes: None. Absent: Douglass. Motion carried.

6. BOARD BUSINESS

A. Award of Bid for the Greenacres Pool Deck Concrete Treatment Project, Resolution #08-23

Superintendent of Parks and Facilities Mike Evans requested adoption of Resolution #08-23 awarding bid for the pool deck concrete treatment at Greenacres Pool to JTS Construction, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. AFTER DISCUSSION, BOARD ADOPTED RESOLUTION #08-23 AWARDING BID FOR THE GREENACRES POOL DECK CONCRETE TREATMENT TO JTS CONSTRUCTION.

Madden; Nabors: Ayes: Madden; Nabors; Ruetters; VanAlstein.

Noes: None. Absent: Douglass. Motion carried.

B. Approval of Agreement with Norris School District to Provide an Expanded Learning Opportunities Program, Resolution #09-23

Interim General Manager Wayne McArthur requested Board approval of an agreement with Norris School District in which North of the River Recreation and Park District would manage the school district's expanded learning opportunities

program, benefitting both agencies through a joint use of staff and resources.
BOARD ADOPTED RESOLUTION #09-23 APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH
NORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT.

VanAlstein; Nabors: Ayes: Madden; Nabors; Ruetters; VanAlstein.

Noes: None. Absent: Douglass. Motion carried.

C. Approval of and Authorization to Execute General Manager Employment Agreement, Resolution #10-23

Board Chairperson Steve Ruetters requested approval of and authorization to execute the General Manager employment agreement with Bret Haney. The District contracted with CPS HR Consulting to find candidates and offered employment to Mr. Haney. The agreement is consistent with Board recommendations. AFTER DISCUSSION, THE BOARD APPROVED THE GENERAL MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT.

Madden; Nabors: Ayes: Madden; Nabors; Ruetters; VanAlstein.

Noes: None. Absent: Douglass. Motion carried.

D. Workers' Compensation and Liability Insurance Update

Interim General Manager Wayne McArthur updated the Board on the status of the Workers' Compensation and Liability Insurance research. Staff provided additional requested information to Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA). SDRMA is working on estimates. Busby-Stone Risk Management has not contacted the District with an updated request.

E. Discussion and Direction Regarding Chevron North Meadows Assessments

The North Meadows Assessments engineer's report prepared in 2005 included language to facilitate adjustments made after FY 2006-2007 based on the California Consumer Price Index (CPI). Staff has received information that the CPI for FY 2023-2024 will increase by 5.4%. Staff recommends applying the current CPI because of the volatile state of the current economy as costs for labor, supplies and equipment continue to increase due to inflation. AFTER DISCUSSION, BOARD GAVE DIRECTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION.

F. Discussion and Direction Regarding NOR Park Maintenance District

The engineer's report prepared in 2006 for the NOR Park Maintenance District provides for adjustments based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The NOR Park Maintenance District was established to set aside funds to assist with park maintenance costs created by new development within the District. Staff has received information that the CPI for FY 2023-2024 will increase by 5.4%. Staff recommends a 5.4% increase to the NOR Park Maintenance District assessments. AFTER DISCUSSION, BOARD GAVE DIRECTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. General Manager

Interim General Manager Wayne McArthur commented that it was a pleasure to work with everybody in the capacity of General Manager. Mr. McArthur welcomed new General Manager Bret Haney and stated he is looking forward to working together.

B. Capital Improvement Projects

Planning and Construction Director Steph Thisius- Sanders provided an update on the NOR Pool. CAPRI has approved a third-party forensic engineer to review the current discovery. Moving forward, the District is exploring a options for the space and is aware the area is in need of an aquatics facility.

C. Financial

Interim General Manager Wayne McArthur reported that the supervisor staff have their budget assignments.

D. Personnel

Human Resource Director Esther Grijalva reported that many of the job openings have been filled and staff is busy processing the new hires. Staff is also busy processing volunteers for Summer Ball, Junior Theatre and the Senior Center.

E. Parks Division

Superintendent of Parks and Facilities Mike Evans reported that maintenance installed the metal siding for the Greenacres storefront project and started section one of the Riverview roof coating project. He also reported staff replaced the wooden trash cans and park benches at Olive East, Olive West and McCray Parks.

F. Recreation and Community Services

Superintendent of Recreation and Community Services Jasmine LoBasso reviewed the Daddy Daughter Dance report in the packet and reported that photos of the event are available online. Ms. LoBasso reported the success of the Lifeguard Certification class and the District Egg Hunt. She reviewed current activities, including adult sports, senior movie night, and youth and adult tennis. The District will also participate in the Kern Family Magazine Adventure Fair to advertise the multiple summer camps available.

G. Training

Reports Received and Filed.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Opportunity for the Board to comment on items not listed on the agenda

CRYSTAL MADDEN reported that she attended the Majestics Basketball game at Riverlakes and it was a nice event.

JAMES NABORS inquired if the tennis courts will be resurfaced. Staff responded that the project will go to bid in the upcoming year.

JENIFER VANALSTEIN requested an item be placed on the agenda for the strategic plan and working with the Open Door Network. Ms. VanAlstein also commented that she is excited for the Little Learners Program that was shared on social media. She requested that more information regarding what is needed for District programs is made available on our website. Ms. VanAlstein attended the Easter Egg Hunt with her family and had a great time. She also inquired if the District has seen a spike in the gas and utility bills. Staff responded to her inquiries.

STEVE RUETTIGERS reminded the Board that their families are eligible for discounts on District programs.


10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m. to the next meeting of the Board of Directors of North of the River Recreation and Park District scheduled on May 15, 2023.

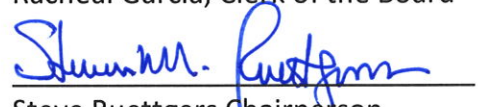
Minutes to be approved at Board
Meeting held on May 15, 2023



Bret Haney, General Manager



Racheal Garcia, Clerk of the Board



Steve Ruetters Chairperson