



North of the River Recreation & Park District

**NORTH OF THE RIVER RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR MEETING
3825 RIVERLAKES DRIVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024, 5:30 P.M.**

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1. CALL TO ORDER: BOARD MEETING CONVENED BY CHAIRPERSON CRYSTAL MADDEN AT 5:30 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

CRYSTAL MADDEN; JENIFER VANALSTEIN; BOB SMITH;
RYAN SKIDMORE (5:36 P.M.)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

NONE

STAFF PRESENT

MIKE EVANS; JANETT MILLER; ESTHER GRIJALVA;
BRET HANEY; JASMIN LOBASSO; WAYNE MCARTHUR
STEPH THISIUS-SANDERS

LEGAL COUNSEL

JACOB THOMASY

PUBLIC PRESENT

BROOKS DOUGLASS (5:31 P.M. LEFT AT 5:32 P.M.); STEVEN
RUETTIGERS (5:56 P. M. LEFT AT 6:41 P.M.)

3. FLAG SALUTE: Chairperson Crystal Madden 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!

General Manager Bret Haney presented a thank you gift to Brook Douglass for eight years of service.

Mr. Douglass commented he enjoyed his time at NOR as a board member.

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.

VanAlstein; Smith: Ayes: Smith; VanAlstein; Madden.

Noes: None. Absent: Skidmore. Motion carried.

B. Approval of Minutes from the Board of Directors' Regular Meeting Held March 18, 2024

Request by Clerk of the Board of Directors to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2024 Regular Board Meeting. BOARD APPROVED MINUTES.

VanAlstein; Smith: Ayes: Smith; VanAlstein; Madden.

Noes: None. Absent: Skidmore. Motion carried.

C. 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.

VanAlstein; Smith: Ayes: Smith; VanAlstein; Madden.

Noes: None. Absent: Skidmore. Motion carried.

D. Agreement with Kern County Superintendent of Vending of Meals for Recreation Programs, Resolution #05-24

Superintendent of Recreation and Community Services Jasmine LoBasso requested the adoption of Resolution #05-24 approving the agreement with Kern County Superintendent of Schools. AFTER DISCUSSION, BOARD ADOPTED RESOLUTION #05-24 APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH KERN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF VENDING OF MEALS FOR RECREATION PROGRAMS.

VanAlstein; Smith: Ayes: Smith; VanAlstein; Madden.

Noes: None. Absent: Skidmore. Motion carried.

6. BOARD BUSINESS

A. Agreement with Kern Community District for Use of NOR Facilities for Bakersfield College Course Offering, Resolution #06-24

Superintendent of Recreation and Community Services Jasmine LoBasso requested adoption of Resolution # 06-24 approving the agreement with Kern Community College District. AFTER DISCUSSION, BOARD ADOPTED RESOLUTION #05-24 APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH KERN COMMUNITY DISTRICT FOR THE USE OF NOR FACILITIES FOR BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE COURSE OFFERING.

**Smith; VanAlstein: Ayes: Smith, VanAlstein, Madden, Skidmore
Noes: None. Absent: None Motion carried.**

B. Ratify Purchase of Awarded Grant and “Piggyback” Proposal for Stockdale River Ranch Community Park Playground, Omnia Partners Contract #2017001134, Resolution #07-24

Planning and Construction Director Steph Thisius- Sanders requested adoption of resolution #07-24 for the purchase of grant-funded playground equipment for Stockdale River Ranch Community Park. AFTER DISCUSSION, BOARD ADOPTED RESOLUTION #07-24 APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF AWARDED GRANT AND “PIGGYBACK” PROPOSAL FOR STOCKDALE RIVER RANCH COMMUNITY PARK PLAYGROUND.

**Smith; VanAlstein: Ayes: Smith, VanAlstein, Madden, Skidmore
Noes: None. Absent: None Motion carried.**

C. Approval of “Piggyback” Bid/Proposal Omnia Partners Contract #2017001134 for the Purchase of a Steel Hip Roof Picnic Shelter for Stockdale River Ranch Community Park, Resolution #08-24

Planning and Construction Director Steph Thisius- Sanders requested adoption of resolution #08-24 approving “Piggyback” Bid/Proposal for the purchase of steel hip picnic shelter materials for Stockdale River Ranch Community Park. AFTER DISCUSSION, BOARD ADOPTED RESOLUTION #08-24 APPROVING THE “PIGGYBACK” BID/PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF A STEEL HIP ROOF PICNIC SHELTER FOR STOCKDALE RIVER RANCH PARK.

**VanAlstein; Skidmore: Ayes: Smith; Madden; Skidmore; VanAlstein
Noes: None. Absent: None Motion carried.**

D. Approval of “Piggyback” Bid/Proposal Omnia Partners Contract #2017001134 for the Purchase of a Steel Picnic Shelter Replacement for Greenacres Community Park, Resolution #09-24

Planning and Construction Director Steph Thisius- Sanders requested adoption of resolution #09-24 approving the purchase of a replacement steel picnic shelter for Greenacres Community Park. AFTER DISCUSSION, BOARD ADOPTED RESOLUTION #09-24 APPROVING PURCHASE OF STEEL PICNIC SHELTER REPLACEMENT FOR GREENACRES COMMUNITY PARK.

**VanAlstein; Smith: Ayes: Smith; Madden; Skidmore; VanAlstein
Noes: None. Absent: None Motion carried.**

E. Discussion and Direction Regarding California Consumer Price Index Adjustments to the Chevron North Meadows Maintenance District for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

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 current CPI for FY 2024-2025 will increase by 3.3%. 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 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 major park maintenance costs created by new development within the District. Staff has received information that the CPI for FY 2024-2025 will increase by 3.3%. Staff recommends a 3.3% increase for the NOR Maintenance District assessments. AFTER DISCUSSION, BOARD GAVE DIRECTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. General Manager

General Manager Bret Haney updated the board following last month's discussion regarding the placement of the Meadow Creek Well Water Supply and Treatment Facility; NOR continues to be in discussions with Vaughn Water Company to address concerns from the public and Vaughn Water Company will put together another visibility of sites. Mr. Haney updated board member's question from last month's board meeting; he is evaluating some old contracts and will have further discussions in a co-session with the board. Mr. Haney also gave updates on the vacant council seat; he also reminded the board of the California Recreation and Park District (CARPD) conference coming up in May. He also commented that today Monday April 15, 2024, a group of local kids gathered in the Riverlakes Ranch Community Center parking lot for an arranged fight; NOR patrons and staff were not involved, and the Bakersfield Police department was on site.

B. Capital Improvement Projects

Planning and Construction Director Steph Thisius-Sanders provided an update on Stockdale River Ranch Park that NOR is currently working with Bolthouse Properties; they are grading and NOR is redlining some restroom plans and finishing landscaping plans to get the project up and running for installation. Ms. Thisius also mentioned that NOR is redlining the Polo Dog Park and working with the consultant to finalize the plans for bids and construction.

C. Financial

Finance Director Wayne McArthur reported that the initial work of the 2024-2025 budget is completed. He also followed up with board members on a few penning questions from March 18, 2024, Regular Board Meeting.

D. Personnel

Human Resources Director Esther Grijalva reviewed the personnel report. She also reported that the HR department is almost ready to go live with the online Onboarding System.

E. Parks Division

Superintendent of Parks and Facilities Mike Evans reported that NOR only lost one tree and a few limbs during the recent storms. He also reported that the irrigation project at Riverview Community Center is complete, and trees and plants will be planted this week. He also reported that trees and plants are being replaced at Rivelakes Community Center, North Beardsley Park, and Greenacres Park. Mr. Evans commented that Maintenance is currently working on getting the splash pads ready for the spray pad season.

F. Recreation and Community Services

Superintendent of Recreation and Community Services Jasmin LoBasso reported that NOR has a Health Fair coming up at the Rasmussen Senior Center and Track is nearing the end of the season. She added that this years' track season had new additions of a welcome table to assist students, exterior student waivers and cashless transactions. Ms. LoBasso also reported that Creative Services is processing video commercials on Facebook and Instagram, and NOR's new live streaming is up and running on various streaming platforms.

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

BOB SMITH- No comment

CRYSTAL MADDEN- No comment

RYAN SKIDMORE- No comment

JENIFER VANALSTEIN- rented Westdale Park Shelter and was excited to see how popular the Easter Egg Hunt was.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Directors entered into Executive at 6:41P.M. for the following discussion:

- A. Request for executive session Regarding General Manager Performance Evaluation – Government Code 54957**

The Board Reconvened from Executive Session at 7:41P.M.

- A. Request for executive session Regarding General Manager Performance Evaluation – Government Code 54957**
NO ACTION TAKEN

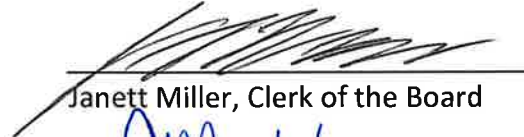
11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. to the next meeting of the Board of Directors of North of the River Recreation and Park District scheduled on May 20, 2024.

Minutes to be approved at Board
Meeting held on May 20, 2024



Bret Haney, General Manager



Janett Miller, Clerk of the Board



Crystal Madden, Chairperson