



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, JANUARY 24, 2022, 5:30 P.M.
MEETING CONDUCTED VIA WEBEX**

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

- 2. ROLL CALL:**
- BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**
BROOKS DOUGLASS; JIM ECKROTH; STEVE RUETTGERS;
JAMES NABORS (ARRIVED AT 5:35P.M.)
 - BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**
DONNA CLOPTON
 - STAFF PRESENT**
MIKE EVANS; RACHEAL GARCIA; ESTHER GRIJALVA;
MONYA JAMESON; RYAN LA FEBRE; WAYNE MCARTHUR;
STEPH THISIUS-SANDERS
 - LEGAL COUNSEL**
NONE
 - PUBLIC PRESENT**
NONE

3. FLAG SALUTE: Chairperson Steve Ruetters 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!

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.

Eckroth; Douglass: Ayes: Douglass; Eckroth; Ruetters.

Noes: None. Absent: Clopton; Nabors. Motion carried.

B. Approval of Minutes from the Board of Directors' Regular Meeting Held December 20, 2021

Request by Clerk of the Board of Directors to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. BOARD APPROVED MINUTES.

Eckroth; Douglass: Ayes: Douglass; Eckroth; Ruetters.

Noes: None. Absent: Clopton; Nabors. 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.

Eckroth; Douglass: Ayes: Douglass; Eckroth; Ruetters.

Noes: None. Absent: Clopton; Nabors. Motion carried.

D. Approval to Continue Video Conference Board Meetings, Resolution #01-22

Staff requested adoption of Resolution #01-22, re-ratifying the continued use of remote meetings/teleconferencing for all Board and Board Subcommittee Meetings pursuant to the provisions of Assembly Bill 361. Remote meetings are subject to certain conditions which will be evaluated by staff and placed on the consent agenda to be approved by the Board at each Board of Directors' Regular Meeting. BOARD APPROVED CONTINUED VIDEO CONFERENCING BOARD MEETINGS.

Eckroth; Douglass: Ayes: Douglass; Eckroth; Ruetters.

Noes: None. Absent: Clopton; Nabors. Motion carried.

6. BOARD BUSINESS

A. Approval of Purchase of Irrigation Booster Pump for Fruitvale Norris Park, Resolution #02-22

Planning and Construction Director Steph Thisius-Sanders requested approval of purchase of irrigation booster pump for Fruitvale Norris Park. The current booster pump has been serviced and rebuilt numerous times and is no longer operable. The new booster pump has been proven sufficient for operation and maintenance with similar models at other District Parks. Staff responded to Board inquires. AFTER DISCUSSION, BOARD ADOPTED RESOLUTION #02-22 APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF IRRIGATION BOOSTER PUMP FOR FRUITVALE NORRIS PARK.

Douglass; Eckroth: Ayes: Douglass; Eckroth; Nabors; Ruetters.

Noes: None. Absent: Clopton. Motion carried.

B. Authorization to Apply for Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant, Resolution #03-22

Planning and Construction Director Steph Thisius-Sanders requested authorization to apply for Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant for the renovation of Standard Park. If the grant application is accepted, up to one half of the project cost could be granted. AFTER DISCUSSION, BOARD ADOPTED RESOLUTION #03-22 AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND GRANT.

**Douglass; Eckroth: Ayes: Douglass; Eckroth; Nabors; Ruettgers.
Noes: None. Absent: Clopton. Motion carried.**

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. General Manager Report

General Manager Monya Jameson informed the Board that she attended the Kern Council of Governments meeting with the Golden Empire Transit (GET) CEO Karen King. Ms. King announced that the GET Board of Directors approved the transition of the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) from the District to GET no later than June 30, 2022. Ms. Jameson also informed the Board that the District will be offering the Youth Summer Ball Program and After School Track.

B. Marketing Report

No Report.

C. Capital Improvement Projects

Planning and Construction Director Steph Thisius-Sanders reported an update regarding the ADA Transition Plan. The public outreach portion will be made available on the District website to receive comments from the public.

D. Financial Report

Finance Director Wayne McArthur reported that staff began researching liability and workers' compensation coverage providers. Mr. McArthur discussed the decrease in companies offering coverage in California and the increase in premiums nationwide. An update will be provided when additional information is received.

E. Personnel Report

Human Resource Director Esther Grijalva reported that the District job openings have remained the same for a few months and applications are not being received. Ms. Grijalva also informed the Board that the District has had thirty COVID-19 related absences since Christmas. Twenty-five were not work related. Ms. Grijalva applauded the District supervisors and employees for abiding by all COVID-19 protocols.

F. Parks Division Report

Superintendent of Parks and Facilities Mike Evans reported that staff is interviewing to fill two park lead positions, playground inspections are being revamped, and staff is meeting with a contractor to fence an area at Riverview Park. Mr. Evans also reported that the District will be testing a cigarette recycle

program at Mondavi and North Meadows Park offered by Keep Bakersfield Beautiful.

G. Recreation Program Report

General Manager Monya Jameson informed the Board that the CTSA program is no longer taking new clients to start the transition to GET. A letter including the transition plans will be sent to current clients.

H. Training Report

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

STEVE RUETTGERS reported that Board Member Jim Eckroth will be stepping down from the Board of Directors. Mr. Ruetters wished Mr. Eckroth well and commented that he has been a thoughtful member of the Board and has made quite the contribution as a Board Member.

BROOKS DOUGLASS commented that he enjoyed working with Board Member Jim Eckroth and wished him the best of luck.

JIM ECKROTH commented that it has been a great opportunity and honor to serve on the Board.

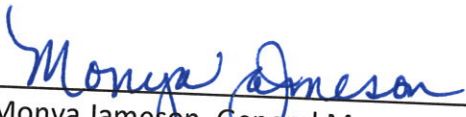
General Manager Monya Jameson presented Board Member Jim Eckroth with a plaque and expressed the District and staff's appreciation for his service.

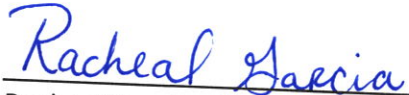
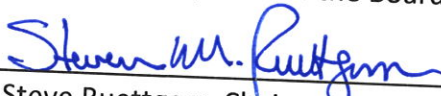
JAMES NABORS – No Comment

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m. to the next meeting of the Board of Directors of North of the River Recreation and Park District scheduled on February 28, 2022.

Minutes to be approved at Board
Meeting held on February 28, 2022


Monya Jameson, General Manager


Racheal Garcia, Clerk of the Board

Steve Ruetters, Chairperson