



**Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District
Special Board Meeting
Thursday, February 11, 2021 4:30 pm
Via Zoom**

In Attendance:

Board: Glenna Mahurin, Anna Cavaleri, Suzanne Cross, Nan Noteboom

Staff: Mark Hickok, Marcie Wily

Special HRVPRD Board Meeting

Call Special Meeting to Order

Noteboom called the meeting to order at 4:37

1. COVID 19 Risk Levels and Aquatic Center Opening Plan Update

Action: Discuss situation and provide direction

Hickok and Wily gave a recap of the county risk levels. Oregon Health Authority (OHA) uses indicators of disease spread to determine which restrictive measures will reduce risk from COVID-19. OHA collects data over a 14 day period, looking at the number of COVID-19 cases and the percent positivity rate. Hood River County has been in the Extreme Category since mid November, 2020 and has just moved to the High Category. The High Risk Category means that there is still a high risk of substantial spread in the community, but the guidance does allow for indoor recreation, including pool use, with a maximum occupancy of 50 people. These numbers allow for the pool to reopen.

Wily reviewed considerations for the board to make a recommendation on the pool status. Staff is readying the pool systems, turning on the heat, balancing pool chemicals, and monitoring systems for issues. Mike Howard, Aquatic Supervisor, has contacted staff and working on schedule. Staff will need to be retrained on new procedures and will need to refresh lifeguarding skills. Locker room floors, are being refinished with a new protective sealant the week of February 15-19. Lastly, OHA releases the data each week so that counties will know how they are tracking.

Board members spoke of Importance of the pool for the community, especially the youth. They acknowledged that there are many unknowns and a lot of uncertainty as to whether the county will stay in the High category versus the Extreme and that it was important to open when it was allowable. The board recommended that the pool be opened by February 22, barring any major changes to county numbers.

Adjourn

Mahurin moved to adjourn the meeting; Cross seconded. All approved.

Upcoming events:

2-17-21 Regular Board Meeting

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Nancy Noteboom



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Anna Cavaleri

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