



**Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 17th, 2023,
immediately following the 5:00 Budget Meeting
Hood River Aquatic Center**

In Attendance:

Board: Anna Cavaleri, Suzanne Cross, Nan Noteboom, Mike McCarthy, Martha Ortega-Verduzco

Budget Committee: Brian Hackett, Kelsey Cardwell, Paige Rouse, Allan Schmidt

Staff: Mark Hickok, Marcie Wily, Marcos Gonzalez

Contracted Accountant: Monica Morris

SDAO Consultant: Bob Keefer

Public: Christy Christopher, Daneil Rice, Keir Bryerton

Regular District Board Meeting

Call Regular Meeting to Order

Cavaleri called the meeting to order at 5:43pm.

Comments from the General Public (3 minutes per person, per subject, Maximum 30 minutes public comment taken)

Daniel Rice with Gorge Aero Modelers, wanted to get in touch with the HRVPRD staff and the board to discuss some issues at Barrett Park.

Review Minutes

1. April 19, 2023 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Action: Consider a motion to approve the March 15, 2023 meeting minutes

Cross made a motion to approve the April 19, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Noteboom seconded. All approved.

Regular Business

2. Strategic Planning

Action: Review and Provide Direction

Hickok and Keefer, SDAO Consultant, gave an overview of the district's strategic planning. The numbers the county used to estimate the revenue from the prepared food tax was from 2012 and the district has worked with the county to update projections based on the most recent census data which increase the estimated revenue by three million. This tax does not include the sale of alcohol and only includes food that is "ready to be consumed".

The selling point for the district to their voters is that the prepared food sales tax will be paid by the tourists. It is estimated that 75 percent of this tax will be paid for by tourists and this tax would be cheaper for the voters than if the district goes out for the levy. The balance for other agencies is the amount budgeted if the district takes on other agencies' facilities. There will be a processing fee from Hood River County to take in the prepared food tax for HRVPRD, as the county is the only one who can collect money from a prepared food tax.

Hickok presented funding options to the board and how big of a bond the district should go for. Keefer stated that these options are adjustable, and the bond can be increased, but the district needs to see how much the voters are willing to pay. The district plans to have a survey out to the public late summer or early fall. The options that are being discussed will set the foundation on what the district will present to other agencies and their voters. The board deliberated over this, and which options are the best for the district and the voters.

3. **Resolution 22-23-3 - FY 23-24 HRVPRD SDC Rate**

Action: Informational/Provide Feedback

Hickok presented the resolution 22-23-3 FY 23-24 HRVPRD SDC Rate to the board. The current rate is the maximum allowable rate as set by the 2017 SDC Methodology.

McCarthy made a motion to approve the resolution for the 22-23-3 - FY 23-24 SDC Rate. Ortega-Verduzco seconded. All approved.

4. **Approve Auditor Contract and Letter of Engagement**

Action: Consider a motion Authorizing Mark Hickok to sign the letter of engagement and contract for Audit Services with SingerLewak

Noteboom made a motion to authorize Hickok to sign the letter of engagement and contract for audit services with SingerLewak subject to legal counsel. McCarthy seconded. All approved.

Reports (*informational, no action needed*)

5. Finance Report

Hickok gave an overview of the finance reports. SDC fund has slowed down and will not hit the projected amount, which is why the district decreased the projected amount next fiscal year. The recreation fund is doing well and has passed their projected revenue. General fund revenue continues to outpace their expense.

6. Directors Report

Hickok gave the directors report. The re-graveling on Indian Creek Trail between Hazel and 7th street stairs is finished. Hickok was at the Washington Recreation & Parks Association conference in Spokane. He was asked to speak on the multiagency parks plan that government agencies around Hood River created and discussed the importance of collaborating between all the different agencies.

7. Aquatics & Recreation Report

Wily gave an overview of the aquatics and recreation report. Youth soccer and ultimate frisbee are ending with a variety of summer programs coming soon, including youth basketball, football, rugby, soccer, and summer camps. The district recently hired a part- employee to help promote community events. HRVPRD is hosting a lifeguard training class in June to help fill out the roster for summer lifeguards. A new camp is being offered at the Aquatic Center called Race Team and Water Polo Camp. This camp is designed to give kids confidence in the water and inspire them to join the swim team and water polo in the future.

Noteboom wanted to voice her concerns regarding pay for the lifeguards and presented what another pool was pay their staff. The board asked Hickok and Wily if they could investigate and do some studies on increasing lifeguard wages.

Adjourn

Noteboom made motion to adjourn the meeting. Cross seconded. All approved.

Approved

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