



**Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District Regular Board Meeting  
Wednesday May 18, 2022 6:00 pm  
At the Hood River Aquatic Center and Via Zoom**

Minutes

**In Attendance:**

**Board:** Suzanne Cross, Anna Cavaleri, Nan Noteboom, Mike McCarthy

**Staff:** Mark Hickok, Marcie Wily

**Public:** Debbie Denis, City of Hood River

**Regular District Board Meeting**

**Call Regular Meeting to Order**

Cavaleri called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM

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

No comments from the public.

**Review Minutes**

**1. April 20, 2022 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Action:** Consider a motion to approve the April 20, 2022 meeting minutes

Noteboom made a motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes for April 20, 2022. Cross seconded the motion. All approved.

**Regular Business**

**2. Discuss Board Vacancy**

**Action:** Consider a motion to recommend board candidates for interview

Hickok presented the three candidates that the Selection Committee recommended to be interviewed for the board vacancy. The Selection Committee, made up of Noteboom and Cross, noted that all applicants had great strengths and resumes, making the decision difficult. Invitations to the three applicants will be sent out and interviews are scheduled for a special board meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. The Board agreed on the Selection Committee's recommendation and will invite Martha Ortega, Debbie Dennis, and Tina Lassen to interview for the open board position.

**3. Provide guidance for the FY 2022/23 HRVPRD SDC Rate**

**Action:** Provide guidance for FY 2022/23 SDC Rate

Hickok explained the proposed SDC rates to the board for the next fiscal year which was based off strategy the board implemented a few years prior to get the SDC rate up to maximum allowable rate. This year the rate will be increased 12%, which will get the District caught up to the maximum allowable rate. After this year, the SDC rate increase will track along with the SDC methodology of a 3% increase annually. The budget for fiscal year 2022/2023 was based on the proposed rate increase of 12%. Cross made a recommendation to move forward with the SDC rate, and Noteboom seconded. All approved. There will be a budget hearing at the next meeting in which a resolution will be put forth to approve the SDC rate.

**4. District Long-range Strategy and Discussion**

**Action:** Review and provide feedback

Hickok gave an overview of the District long-range strategy and discussion with other government agencies in Hood River County. The board deliberated over the many options that the agencies presented to HRVPRD for consideration: consolidation of the parks system, imposing a sales tax, dissolution of the district and reforming at a higher rate, a capital bond and operating levy. Noteboom voiced her concern over consolidation of parks because voters might not see the value in it, as they don't care who operates the parks, just that they are maintained and

available. On the flip side, consolidation would help make operations more efficient and votes will be able to go to one agency for any park related questions or concerns. Hickok stated that if consolidation was the route the board chose to go, a consultant would be needed to do a study of the consolidation process. The other option was a sales tax which would be an effective way to tax the tourists coming to Hood River and using the system. More research would be needed McCarthy stressed creating a focus group together to see how the voters and restaurants would react to sales tax on the ballet. Cross mentioned starting up a Parks Foundation to help with pushing HRVPRD's ballet items and to promote the overall agenda of the Parks District. Taking all these options into consideration will take time and push back HRVPRD's timeline on building a new pool.

**Reports (informational, no action needed)**

**5. Finance Report**

Hickok (5 mins)

Hickok gave an overview of the budget. The general fund is doing quite well with revenue and expenditure tracking better than the previous years. The SDC fund is doing quite well with it being over 100% of the revenue projections for this fiscal year.

**6. Directors Report**

Hickok (20 mins)

**Recreation Report** - Spring soccer is going well, and summer camp registration is in full swing. The Recreation desk is open during the weekdays.

**South Side Connector** – Park Maintenance personnel have been making great progress on the trail.

**7. Aquatics Report**

Wily (10 mins)

Swimming lessons are going well with both school swim lessons and District swim lessons. Hood River Valley Swim Team hosted a swim meet on May 14<sup>th</sup> with six teams participating. Dollar swim will resume on Friday evenings, starting on May 20, and the party room is now available for rental.

**Executive Session**

8. Executive Session, *if necessary per ORS 192.660 (The District Board will now meet in executive session. All members of the audience are asked to leave the room. No decision may be made in executive session. At the end of the executive session, we will return to open session and welcome the audience back into the room.)*

Cavalieri moved the regular board meeting and enter executive session per statute.

Cavalieri moved the meeting back into Regular session.

No formal action was taken in the Executive Session.

**Adjourn**

Noteboom moved to adjourn the meeting. Cross seconded. All approved.

**Upcoming events:**

5-26-22 Board Member Interviews

6-15-22 Regular Board Meeting

Approved

Attest

Date

Date

15 June 2022

6/15/2022