

Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District Special Board Meeting Wednesday, November 10, 2021 4:00 pm

Via Zoom

Minutes

In Attendance:

Staff: Mark Hickok, Marcie Wily

Board: Anna Cavaleri, Nan Noteboom, Mike McCarthy, Glenna Mahurin

District Attorney: Ruben Cleveland

Public: Darcy McCullough, Jacim, Kelly M, Margaret Maldonado, Marie Uhlir, Mark Bailey

Call Special Meeting to Order

Cavaleri called the meeting to order at 4:08pm.

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

New Business

1. Evaluate Operational and Capital Needs and Set Proposed Tax Rate for Order of Formation-Hickok

Action: Propose a motion providing a proposed maximum rate for order of formation of new parks & recreation district.

Brian Beebe, Director from Records of Assessment, presented information on the property tax system in Oregon. He gave an overview of real market value, maximum assessed value, and assessed value, as well as an overview of Measure 50, which created a split between real market value and assessed value. He also gave an overview of Measure 5, which limits the amount of tax someone can pay as well as the breakdown of assessments by area. These two pieces of legislation, passed in the 1990s, affect how much property tax can be collected in Oregon.

Hickok gave an overview of how Parks District money gets spent beginning with an overview of the general fund budget, staffing, and how many parks and facilities we maintain. He reviewed what we will need if we expand, including expansion of parks, the pool, and recreation programming. Items included full time staff for parks, recreation, and the aquatic center, and more equipment and supplies. There would a large set of capital assumptions that would be included: development of Westside Park, trail improvements, a parks shop, and some contract planning work. Wily went over the pool enclosure concept designs to refresh the board on the options. Construction rates are projected to go up 20-30%. Interest Rates are projected to increase a percent or more.

Hickok went over tax rate scenarios showing what the average homeowner pays and how much they might pay additionally per month under various tax rate scenarios, as well as how the tax rate would be affected by the various pool enclosure options. The board discussed the pros and cons of the various tax rate options. They talked about what they had heard from the community consistently: a new pool with a community and fitness center, which would put the tax rate at \$1.24.

Cleveland gave an update on the Reformation schedule. Hickok and Cavaleri will go before the Board of Commissioners on November 15 to ask for approval of the Order of Formation and before the City of Hood River on November 22, 2021. There are two reading required for the order initiating formation, which could be covered in the December and January meetings.

Noteboom moved that to ask the voters to establish a maximum rate of \$1.24/\$1,000 assessed value. Mahurin seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

Cleveland will get an updated order before the county.

Adjourn

Mahurin moved to adjourn. Noteboom seconded. All approved.

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