



**TUOLUMNE PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2019 REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M.
18603 PINE STREET, TUOLUMNE, CA 95379 209-928-1214**

The Board of Directors of the Tuolumne Park and Recreation District met in regular session on Wednesday September 11, 2019. Director's Jake Feriani, Darrin Evans, Aaron Rasmussen, TY Atkins, and Cliff Marchetti were present. Also present were employees James Wood and Kathleen Nielsen.

Open Regular Meeting: Chairman Jake Feriani opened meeting at 6:00 pm

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Aaron Rasmussen

2. Approval of Agenda: Feriani called for motion to approve agenda.

Motion: Evans **Second:** Marchetti **Ayes:** 4 **Nay:** 0

3. Oral Communications: We had a guest that came to hear about the County contract and **The Board** decided to move 8.1 to right after the consent calendar for our guest.

4. Consent Calendar:

4.1 - Approval of the Minutes from August 14, 2019 Minutes were approved with the following changes Change resent to recent.

4.2 – Approval of Routine Bills

Motion: Rasmussen **Second:** Atkins **Ayes:** 4 **Nay:** 0

5. Correspondence (Nielsen): Included in the correspondence was 5 emails between Wood, Nielsen, and Anaiiah Kirk, an email from Sarah Garcia that provided the maintenance guide for the Big Dreams Playground, and an email from Kirk Andre from Capri that contained our District visit report showing we met all the requirements. **Rasmussen** asked what Wood thought of the maintenance guide for the Big Dreams Playground. **Wood** explained that he had not read all of it yet, but it stated that it needs to be cleaned regularly to protect the material. **Marchetti** explained that it is a standard agreement. **Rasmussen** asked if there was a warranty and that question can be only answered by the County.

6. Safety Meeting (Nielsen): No employee accidents or liability issues. The playgrounds have been covered but are in good shape. The only new business is the letter from Capri where we got high marks with no recommendation. **Wood** stated Nielsen took a lot of time to prepare for the annual review and made sure we were in compliance. There was a concern because we had a new risk manager, but our meeting went very well, and we are really pleased with our report. **Feriani** asked if we do work orders and **Wood** explained no but we have a daily routine that we have every morning and then in the afternoon maintenance repairs are done. This week **Wood** is having the staff write their time down for each task so that we can put together a timeline of hours spent on County facilities. **Feriani** stated that before Tracie Riggs took over, we were able to use the income we got from the hall to do repairs to the hall without submitting the repairs to the county. **Guest** asked how much we get in revenue from the hall. Feriani explained about \$4000.00 a year. Now that the County is going to take over the revenue of the hall we will have to get approval over a certain amount.

7. Reports

7.1 District Manager (Wood): **Rasmussen** asked if we do a daily report of everything we do and **Wood** explained that we do not do a daily report but anything above are normal routine maintenance is documented on a form that includes all of TPRD and County facilities and given to the Board in the monthly report. **Rasmussen** then asked if we can pull up what each employee did on a specific day. **Wood** explained that we do not, but we could tell you what routine maintenance was done on each day. Anything above the routine maintenance is added to the monthly report.

7.2 Maintenance Report (Peterson): No questions from the Board

7.3 Office/Events (Nielsen): **Nielsen** gave a presentation of the new website to the board. The **Board** would like to take the mission and vision and have them separate instead of together. **Nielsen** asked if we provide monthly financial or just the approved budge. **Marchetti** and **Feriani** confirmed it is just the

approved budget. The **Board** would like to add a staff page and an advertise section for the ball field. They would like to remove "our" in front of the word facilities. **Nielsen** explained that this is a work in progress and over time the extras will be added. The website will be up and running on September 12th. The board was pleased with the website. **Rasmussen** asked about the financial office security and the front door key code. **Nielsen** explained that the safe and the door to the financial office are locked each day and they suggested changing the code to the front door. **Feriani** asked about the homeless issues we had been having and **Nielsen** explained that we are now contacting the police department to handle the problem.

7.4 Finance (Krieg): No questions from the Board

7.5 Library/Youth Center (Sorensen): No questions from the Board

7.6 Community Garden (Wood): No questions from the Board

7.7 Horseshoe Club (Persson): Nothing to report

7.8 Veterans (Pauly): Nothing to report

8 Discussion/Action Items:

8.1 County Maintenance Contract: We had a meeting with Tracie Riggs re the county maintenance contract. **Wood** explained that the County has a 3-million-dollar short fall in their budget and were looking for ways to cut cost. They have had 3 County meeting to discuss the budget. Tracie Riggs had made 3 recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. The first was to leave it in place, second was to cut it and higher two county workers. We have been in correspondence with Tracie and Anaiah Kirk. **Marchetti** spoke at a couple of budget meetings. **Wood** explained to the audience that we start renegotiating the contract with Daniel Richardson and Ed Hoag in April and had two subsequent meetings and asked for \$110,000.00, which was an increase over the last three years, but it was put off until after the County budget meetings were resolved. **Wood** felt the best way to illustrate our value to Tracie Riggs, the CAO of the County, was to invite her out to TPRD and show her everything we have done for the County. She came out for about an hour and a half with Anaiah Kirk and her second in command Eric Erhardt. Also present were Jake and John Feriani. They discussed all the benefits that we provide to the County through our maintenance agreement. One thing that she like was that we are here 7 days a week and they could not compete with that. He went on to explain that we always keep the hall ready to rent and we check on the renters to make sure everything is okay. He explained that all of the facilities are left clean and ready to use at any time. **Guest** asked if we knew how many hours are spent and **Wood** explained that we had created a spread sheet that included time and costs spent on County properties that equally approximately \$129,000.00 last year. **Wood** then explained that it is ok that we spend more than what the County pays us because it gives us the staff that we need to be able to put on our events like concerts in the park. **Guest** asked if Anaiah would advocate for us and **Wood** and **Feriani** explained that he has been advocating for us quite a bit. **Feriani** explained that **Wood** did an amazing job explained what we do and showing her around. She had a concern that people were treated differently regarding fees and wanted to make sure that we have insurance as well as those renting have insurance. **Wood** and **Feriani** explained that the biggest take away was that Tracie became informed about what we have done to County properties and often at our own expense. **Feriani** would like us to form a report that includes everything we have done, cost, insurance information, etc. **Evans** would like the citizens to reach out to the Board of Supervisors and County in our favor and in a positive way. **Wood** explained the process he will have in cleaning the new park with the difficulty of the sand and the design of the park. **Marchetti** stated it would be nice to have a mural and **Rasmussen** explained that the historical foundation will not allow it.

8.2 CSD Ad Hoc Update: **Feriani** discussed the community meeting in August. We had two members on the stage, and two members as well as **Wood** and **Rasmussen** in the audience. They gave a power point presentation. The General Manager from Groveland spoke with their board president. **LAFCO** gave a presentation of the process. There was public comments and questions afterward and throughout the meeting. **Feriani** felt overall the meeting was a success. There was a lot of good public comments for and against having a CSD and it was a great debate. The next meeting will be on September 17th. **Rasmussen** felt that overall the meeting was a failure. It had inadequate time for the community to address their

concerns. He felt dragging it out over 2 hours, the power point and missing half of our community was inappropriate. He hopes that in the future the Ad Hoc Committee would realize community members need more time to speak. He wants it reflected in the minutes that he felt it was a total waste of time and the Ad Hoc Committee is doing a horrible job. **Feriani** disagreed with him. **Evans** is requesting that a couple members of the community need to be apart of the Ad Hoc Committee and feels that there is still a lot of information that we need to gather to be able to answer questions. He would like to have more information to give to the public before they have the next meeting. He feels we need to start having a feasibility report done so that we can see how it is going to affect personnel, payroll and health insurance. **Feriani** agrees and requested **Evans** list his points out and bringing it to the next meeting. **Marchetti** wants to make sure Ponderosa Hills is able to run for boards and feels that because they are not in Tuolumne they could never win. **Nielsen** suggested they come down and spend some time with the people in Tuolumne. **Feriani** explained that as long as they are in the boundaries, they are able to run for the board the same as everyone else in the district. **Atkins** stated that he disagrees with **Rasmussen** that the meeting was a waste of time but thought time management could have been better. He thinks it gave the public the opportunity to get back into the conversation and maybe we need to have something on the website where people can get concerns and questioned that they can take to the Ad Hoc Committee meetings. He thinks what needs to happen is to find out what concerns those that are resisting it have and the specifics that **Evans** was talking about and address those so that your game plan is good to go and say this is where the money is coming from and this is how it is going to impact this concern or that concern so that the positive parts about it can be presented strong enough that it convinces those that are resistant to consider it. **Evans** stated we need to present the facts, both positive and negative and present them all. **Atkins** agreed. **Rasmussen** stated there are always going to unknown information like who is going to get fired, what people are going to get paid, etc. because that information will be decided by the new board. **Evans** stated that this is why they have an Ad Hoc Committee and that those people are currently on the board and current board members would be those that make those decisions. He feels that we need to start the process to be able to gather the information needed so that people can see if it is going to be more positive than negative or more negative than positive and make a decision from there. The **Guest** stated she was at that meeting and the previous meetings about a year and a half ago and felt that the meetings before actually had more information like costs savings that this current meeting and they were more specific. She felt that this time it didn't seem to make a case and to have the Groveland people there hurt the case because they are having so many issues with the grand jury and last time they had the Twain Harte people there and they are more successful. **Evans** explained that he feels it was important to have both because they are a great example of how things can go wrong if it is not run properly and can fail. **Feriani** explained that they stated the problems were because of mismanagement. **Evans** is trying to avoid people looking at a CSD's as a magic bullet that will solve all our problems because it is still ran by people and things can go wrong. **Wood** explained that it could go either way depending on who is managing it or events that could go wrong. The Groveland CSD stated that all the monies can be used by the board towards anything and that when the raised money 97% of it went to the fire district and 3% were spent on the rest and how would the public and park and rec feel about that. He then suggested that if they do have another public meeting that they speak into the microphone because every time they moved their head. He also suggested having a moderator like they had a candidate night and The Board agreed.

- 8.3 Community Aerobics Class:** **Feriani** stated this is not a TPRD event and Dave should be paying like the other non-profits so that everyone is treated the same as per County request. **Wood** explained that the only real problem we have with Keller is that any time we have to cancel his class for another event, he gives us a lot of grief. **Marchetti's** suggestion is that since we are in a position to run classes so we can set up a contract that we make a percentage of the cost to attend the class. He suggested to contact 5 or 6 park and recreation departments and find out how they handle contractors. Because this is not the way to handle things. He stated that if Keller is not okay with that, he can rent the hall and get insurance like everyone else. **Feriani** wanted us to stress to Keller that we really like his exercise class, but we are taking a lot of risk with no return. **Nielsen** stated she liked **Marchetti's** idea and suggested that taking a percentage instead of him getting his own insurance and it would be a partnership like we have with the

County. We need to have a formally agreement. Staff will work on creating a contract and submit it to the Board for approval when done.

- 8.4 River Ranch Gonzales:** No update at this meeting. The **Board** would like to move this to Reports instead of Discussion/Action Items. They would like to ad contact information for River Ranch so that they are not calling us to make a reservation

Items to Discuss for Next Meeting:

- 9.1 County Maintenance Agreement**
- 9.2 Ad Hoc CSD Update**
- 9.3 Resilience Center AD Hoc Update**
- 9.4 Forms Approval**
- 9.5 Aerobics Class**

ADJOURNMENT: 8:07 pm

Motion: Marchetti **Second:** Evans **Ayes:** 4 **Nay:** 0