

## Board Meeting Minutes – July 21, 2021

### Item 1 – Pledge of Allegiance

### Item 2 – Roll Call at 6:30pm

Board Members answering roll call were Board President Edelman, Board Member Kennedy, Board Member Lewis, Board Member Rohn, Board Member Baiamonte.

### Item 3- Review of Minutes:

Board member Lewis made a motion.

Board member Rohn seconded.

Motion carried.

### Item 4 – Public Comment

### Item 5 – Weld County Assessor's Presentation

- a. Weld County Assessor Brenda Dones provided an update on the County's assessment on items that directly relate to the Eaton Area Park & Recreation District. Mrs. Dones provided an update stating that the assessed value of residential properties was increasing in 2022; however, the assessed value of oil and gas would be dropping by over forty percent. She went on to say that they were just preliminary estimates and final assessments will not become available until later in the year. Board President Edelman asked how many residents challenged the assessed value of their properties. Mrs. Dones stated there was about 3,000 that had filed an appeal. Board Member Kennedy thanked Mrs. Dones and was impressed with her knowledge on the subject. Recreation Manager asked Mrs. Dones if she anticipated the oil and gas industry to increase again in the next three to five years. Mrs. Dones stated that it was difficult to predict, especially with the regulations and difficulties in getting a permit. Members of the Board thanked Mrs. Dones for her time and for the information.

### Item 6 - Staff Reports

- a. Recreation Updates – Presented by Brian Stone, District Director
  - i. Mr. Stone introduced Connie Williams from the American Legion. Mrs. Williams presented on the Hometown Hero's Program and asked if the Eaton Area Community Center would have interest in hanging banners on light poles around the facility. This program is to honor past and present members of the armed forces that are, or have been, active members of the Eaton Community. This program will sell banners to display around the Eaton Community to provide a public display of gratitude for these individuals for the many sacrifices they have made for our freedoms. Mrs. Williams asked the members of the Board if they would be willing to hang banners from the light

poles around the Eaton Area Community Center. The hardware that would be used would match the existing poles and could be left up year-round. She also asked if the Board might be willing to purchase the hardware for the poles. Board member Kennedy asked if anyone could purchase a banner for a veteran. Mrs. Williams stated that anyone could help support this program and that the Town of Eaton was looking at supporting the purchase of half of the hardware for the light poles and will look for corporate sponsors to cover the additional expense. Board President Edelman stated that he was fully supportive and would like for the District to look at ways to help with the hardware cost along with the possibility of purchasing some banners. Board Member Lewis stated that we need to have discussions with them as it moves closer to see whose responsibility it would be to hang the banners. Mrs. Lewis went on to say that what the American Legion does for this community is amazing and they are at all events to help support this community. Mr. Stone stated that he would work with the Legion and review wind loads for the light poles. Mrs. Williams also thanked the Board for the use of the patio for the pancake breakfast over Eaton Days. She stated that they only received positive feedback about the event.

- ii. Mr. Stone welcomed new staff members joining the team. He introduced Facility Manager, Joe Ciancio. Joe came over from Weld County and has jumped right into his role and we look forward to seeing what Joe can bring to our District. He then introduced Marketing Specialist, Elise Wagner. She is working with Recreation Manager, Avalon Mays on the marketing strategies for the District. Also, our Interim Athletic Coordinator, Caryl Abeyta, was introduced. Caryl will be filling the role of our vacant position as we continue with the hiring process. The final employee to be introduced and who will be taking on an additional role with the district is Sam Brown. Sam has accepted the position as Athletic Specialist and will be assisting with the day-to-day operations of our sports programs. Mr. Stone thanked Caryl for her commitment and willingness to come back and assist with this transition.
- iii. Mr. Stone provided an update that the Facility and Grounds team had met with turf specialist and had begun a fertilization program on the turf. The hot summer has been a challenge and they are hopeful that adding these nutrients will get the grass in good health. Mr. Ciancio has met with Happy Life Gardens and done a tree evaluation. He will be working with them to determine a strategy to salvage or replace trees around the campus.
- iv. Volleyball, soccer, and flag football registration is going on now. The GEYL baseball and softball programs are wrapping up next week. Mr. Stone stated that it has been a good summer and that he is looking forward to a good fall.
- v. Mr. Stone stated that he had been working with our insurance company regarding the insurance claim for the water damage in the gymnasium back in February. After reviewing all expenses and lost revenue, the current statement

of loss is just over \$286,000. He is hopeful to close this out in the next couple of weeks.

- vi. He also provided an update on the picnic shelter. They are scheduled to begin repairs to the structure next week. They will be removing some of the concrete in order to set the post. This has been a long process, but Mr. Stone is hopeful that it will be repaired soon.
- vii. Next week we will be removing reservations and expanding capacities in Play Place. We received feedback that our current setup was difficult. We are hoping that these changes will make it more convenient for our members.
- viii. Mr. Stone thanked EAPRD intern, Diego, and the staff for putting on great events for Eaton Days. He heard lots of positive feedback about the event, and it wouldn't have been possible without their hard work.

#### Item 7 – Financial Report

- a. Financial Consultant, Alan Holmberg reported that the first bond payment was made in May. The revenue continues to meet the goal for the year and is on track. In August, we will be receiving our preliminary tax evaluation. This will give us a good look at what 2022 may look like as we begin to develop our budget. He also stated that we will be filing an extension on our 2020 financial audit.
- b. Mr. Stone stated the revenues for 2021 were very similar to the 2019 numbers and each month. Board President, Edelman stated that we will need to do some strategic planning on how we handle the decreases and how we can continue to move the District forward. Board member Lewis asked what our current usage was each day. Mr. Stone stated that he looked at the daily usage report from the previous day and the usage for the day was 411. Mr. Edelman asked to continue to listen and ensure that our open hours are meeting the needs of the community.

#### Item 8 - Board Reports

- a. Board member, Lewis stated that Eaton Days was phenomenal and that this group was unbelievable. The parade was great and seeing this community come out that evening is why this campus was built and it is the Heart of the Community.
- b. Board member, Kennedy thanked the staff for working with the University of Northern Colorado Intern, Diego and providing opportunities and holding him accountable.
- c. Board member, Rohn said thank you for all the hard work at Eaton Days and that it was noticed by the community.
- d. Board President, Edelman welcomed the new staff and thanked the staff for all the hard work on the Eaton Days event. He stated that he heard nothing but positive feedback and appreciated us sharing that it was the fourth anniversary of the Center and showcased it well with the float.

Adjourn Meeting at 7:52 p.m.