



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHICO AREA
RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
545 VALLOMBROSA AVENUE, CHICO, CA 95926**

**MINUTES
January 27, 2022**

Board Members Present: Michael McGinnis, Chair
Thomas Nickell, Vice Chair
Tom Lando, Board Member
Dave Donnan, Board Member

Board Members Absent: Michael Worley, Board Member

Staff Members Present: Annabel Grimm, General Manager
Heather Childs, Finance Manager
Anjie Goulding, Recreation Manager
Scott Schumann, Parks and Facilities Manager

Legal Counsel Present: Jeff Carter, Attorney at Law

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., and roll call was taken as noted above.

2.0 CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Litigation – No action taken

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments.

4.0 PRESENTATIONS

Everybody Healthy Body (EBHB)

Kathy Carpenter and Jim Parrott with EBHB presented information on their current initiatives including voucher program, grant funding, and land acquisition. EBHB requested CARD support in EBHB's request for Butte County to make more land available for recreational. The Board of Directors had various concerns about development use, traffic, and access.

M/S/C/ (Directors Lando/Nickell) that the Board of Directors voted to support EBHB's request that Butte County makes more land available for recreational use but would not support a specific development.

The vote was as follows: Ayes carried

Ayes: Lando, Nickell

Noes: McGinnis

Abstain: Donnan

Absent: Worley

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C/ (Directors Nickell/Lando) that the Board of Directors approves the consent agenda as presented.

The vote was as follows: Ayes carried

Ayes: Lando, McGinnis, Nickell, Donnan

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Worley

6.0 REGULAR AGENDA

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

7.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

M/S/C (Directors McGinnis/Lando) that the board hears discussion on masking and covid testing for district programs before the public hearing of Trustee Area Maps.

The vote was as follows: Ayes carried

Ayes: Lando, McGinnis, Nickell, Donnan

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Worley

7.1 Masking/Testing for District Programs

Brad Simcox addressed the Board and stated he is a parent of children in CARD and a longtime coach. He doesn't want kids to wear a mask while in active play. He cited several studies that found masking ineffective and was concerned about the mental and social impacts of wearing masks. He stated that the Board should not enforce the public health mandates related to masking during active play.

General Manager Grimm reviewed public health regulations with the Board about COVID testing in lieu of masking for participants in active play. She stated staff have worked hard to set up testing but were unable to secure tests. The confirmatory testing process for a positive COVID test was a logistical challenge with hospitals being overwhelmed with cases.

Director Lando stated that he believes that wearing a mask while playing basketball could be a health concern.

Director Donnan noted that CARD must follow CUSD's facilities use requirements when occupying their buildings.

Recreation Manager Goulding noted that the guidance is from CDC, California, and Butte public health, not CUSD, and that the district is under the same rules.

District Counsel, Jeff Carter, stated that CARD is bound to adhere to the law and requirements from Public Health.

Chair McGinnis noted that there are frustrations on all sides of this issue. He wants kids to be active in sports but would rather shut down than have children get sick.

There was no motion to change the current policy.

7.2 Public Hearing/Informational: Presentation of Draft Trustee Area Maps for District-Based Elections

One new map option was presented and available for consideration.

Chair McGinnis opened the Public Hearing at 6:44 p.m. There being no public comments, Chair McGinnis closed the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m.

The maps will be presented at a second public hearing at a Special Board Meeting on February 10, 2022.

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Approval of Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

M/S/C/ (Directors Lando/Nickell) that the Board of Directors accept the audit report for fiscal year 2020 - 2021 as prepared by Chavan & Associates, LLP.

The vote was as follows: Ayes carried

Ayes: Lando, McGinnis, Nickell, Donnan

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Worley

8.2 Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District (CARD) Authorizing a Change in Check Register, Ach Transfers, and Check Signers

M/S/C/ (Directors Lando/Donnan) that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution 22-1 and approve the Petition to Accept Check Registers of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District authorizing Board Director Tom Lando, or Board Director Michael McGinnis, or General Manager Annabel Grimm, or Human Resource Manager Michelle Niven to sign any and all district checks, ACH Transfers, and check registers.

The vote was as follows: Ayes carried

Ayes: Lando, McGinnis, Nickell, Donnan

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Worley

8.3 Board Committee Assignments

Chair McGinnis appointed members of the Board to serve on District Committees as follows:

a. Finance Committee: Lando/McGinnis with Director Nickell as the Alternate

b. Facilities Committee: McGinnis/Donnan with Director Worley as the Alternate

9.0 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS/SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

9.1 Butte County Special Districts Association/LAFCo

Director Nickell was invited to participate in LAFCo meetings.

9.2 Other Reports

There were no comments.

10.0 DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Lando advised the Board that he would like to engage a donor in a discussion about acquiring land for an aquatic facility.

11.0 GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENTS

General Manager Grimm provided updates regarding potential federal COVID relief funds, CARD Center hours of operations, and the return of the internship program.

12.0 STAFF COMMENTS

There were no comments.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. to the next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District.