



**Notice of Regular Meeting of the
Montrose Recreation District (MRD) Board of Directors
Thursday, August 22, 2024 at 11:30am
Montrose Community Recreation Center
16350 Woodgate Road
Montrose CO 81401**

- I.** **Call to Order, Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 11:32 am. Present: Director Megan Maddy, Director Suzi King, Director Allison Howe, Director Barbara Sharrow, Director Christina Files, Director Ken Otto, Director Paul Wiesner, attorney Bo Nerlin
- II.** **Open Forum:** Call for Public Comment (limit of 3 minutes per person) No public comments.
- III.** **Staff Recognition:**
- a. **Introductions:** No introductions
 - b. **Certifications:** Jeremy Master (renewed CPRP)
 - c. **Anniversaries:** Melissa Lords 15 years, Justin Mashburn 19 years, Quentin Timmerman 1 year, Laysa Quijano 1 year.
 - d. **Awards:**
 - i. PT Staff of the Month: July 2024. Reyas, Parks Maintenance Technician, Seasonal.
 - ii. Core Staff of the Month: July 2024. Joseph Owens. Maintenance Technician.
- IV.** **Executive Director Report** – Mari asked if the new board packet format was helpful. Director Allison said she likes the new report.
- i. Justin and Miguel presented on the details of the current closure. Miguel stated that the closure allows staff to do safety audits, deep cleaning, repairs and maintenance are done to extend the life of our assets. Gym floors are being resurfaced. Some areas are being repainted. We are hoping to re-open September 3. Slide restoration has been done this week. Tile replacement and repair is also being done. Director Suzi asked how often the floor needs to be done. Miguel stated that the contractor that put the last seal coat on failed, therefore the floor had to be re-done. We have used a different contractor for this year’s floor repair. Director Barb asked if ADA projects are being worked on. Miguel responded that the main focus is on the closure duties that have been identified, but ADA fixes are ongoing. Director Suzi complimented staff on the timing of the closure. Justin presented a table of timeline and tasks to be done. He stated that in 2025 the plan is to close the week school opens as our attendance drops dramatically then.
 - ii. HR and admin team are continuing to work on the compensation schedule for staff.
 - iii. Property tax revenue increase in 2025 is less than previous years based on new formulas.
- V.** **Committee Updates and Assignments**
Soon working to develop new goals 2025
- a. **Exec. Committee of Board** (Board: Alli, Suzi. Staff: Mari, Jeremy) Director Allison said the Executive Committee did not meet, with the exception of Mari’s evaluation.
 - b. **Administrative** (Board: Barb, Christina. Staff: Mari, Jeremy, Lisa, Debby) No meeting scheduled.
 - c. **Foundation** (Board: Megan, Barb. Staff: Mari, Astro) Next meeting date Sept 10th. Director Suzi asked how many people had signed up for the triathlon. Megan said she does not have access to those numbers yet. Director Allison asked that the Foundation let the board know what is needed for the triathlon so they can volunteer. Director Megan said the triathlon committee is trying to find more volunteers, and board members said they will try and recruit more volunteers.

- d. **Growth** (Board: Ken, Suzi. Staff: Mari, Jeremy, Justin, Miguel) meeting August 27th, 6-8pm. Director Suzi said Board members went to Baldrige last week and did a walk through.
- e. **Finance** (Board: Paul, Alli. Staff: Mari, Jeremy) The committee met before this board meeting. There was discussion about Flex Rec and Paul stated that this will be an ongoing discussion. Director Paul asked how long the lease was, Mari stated that the lease is 7 years with a 4 year option. Property tax revenue was discussed. A special session at the State will take place next week and we are not able to make decisions until then.
- f. **MURA** (Board: Alli) Did not meet.

VI. Property Tax Updates

- a. Legal Counsel Bo James Nerlin. Bo presented a PowerPoint about the MRD Mill Levy and Property Taxes. There will be more direction for special districts in October of 2024. We have a 5 mil cap based on the Gallagher amendment, and the tax mill levy question on November 4, 1997. Gallagher amendment in 1982 created a split of the collection of property taxes. Gallagher drove down the residential assessment rate. Property taxes have increased based on assessed values. He reviewed the 1986 ballot question that addressed the collection of 1 mil. In 1992 the Tabor Bill of rights was passed. This limits the amount of revenue the state can retain and spend. In 1997 the MRD asked a de-brucing question to the voters and the voters affirmed. Amendment B-2020 eliminated the split between residential and non-residential properties. It also removes all references to assessment rates, both residential and non-residential. 2023 assessed value distribution, almost 50% is residential. Property tax revenue distribution was presented. Local and special districts are 20%. Director Christina asked Bo if we need to have a ballot question to address the 5 mil question. He answered “yes”.

VII. Approval of BOD Meeting Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting of the Board July 25, 2024. Director Paul moved for section 6e, “taxes that to are coming to” needs to be adjusted, after that he voted to approve the minutes. Christina seconded the motion, the board unanimously passed the motion.

VIII. Executive Session: pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(a) Purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any property interest. 12:36 went into executive session. The Board adjourned Executive Session at 1:34 p.m.

IX. Adjourn - the meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

Next BOD Regular Meeting

September 26, 11:30am

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