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Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors Edwards Metropolitan District April 20, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Edwards Metropolitan District, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on April 20, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. in person at the Edwards Field House at 450 Miller Ranch Road, Edwards, CO and via an online Zoom meeting in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado.

Attendance The following Directors were present and acting:

- Kara Heide
- Joanna Kerwin
- Todd Williams
- Mike Trueblood
- Tracy Erickson

Also in attendance were:

- Ken Marchetti, Marchetti & Weaver, LLC
- Kendra Nicholson, Recording Secretary for the meeting
- Linn Brooks, running for Holy Cross Energy board of directors
- Greg Schroeder, McDowell Engineering
- Kris Miller, Resident
- Beth Reilly, Resident (by Zoom)

**Call To
Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Edwards Metropolitan District was called to order by Director Heide on April 20, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. noting a quorum was present.

Changes to the

Agenda Eagle County Community Wildfire Planning meeting May 22, Kris Miller will attend.

Public Input Linn Brooks is running for the Holy Cross Energy Board, she did a quick introduction and bio of herself and explained the different districts in the area. She was the ERWSD General Manager for years. She explained several energy saving initiative programs she was involved with while with the ERWSD. She explained she has a good knowledge of both energy and water needs in the area. Ms. Brooks then answered several questions from Board members and the public. She also gave her opinion on the water district and authority proposed unification when asked by Kris Miller. She explained that the authority has no strategic water reserve at the moment, which could be a problem in the future. The idea of the unification of local water authorities started with how to resolve this issue. She said the decrease in the

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board seats and the representation by local board members on the water boards is the one down side to the unification.

Ms. Reilly stated that she would like to see the Edwards Board actively participate in compost programs in the area. She also mentioned she'd like to see a yard waste pickup program instituted. The Board said they would take that into consideration and see what they can get organized. The Board also mentioned that bids are being obtained for the Miller Ranch Lighting project and they anticipate work will start this spring/summer. Ms. Reilly stated she appreciates all the work the current Board put into getting that project going.

Water Legal

Mary Elizabeth Geiger, an attorney from the law firm of Garfield & Hecht, introduced herself to the EMD Board. She has been retained by EMD as Special Water Counsel to provide insight and legal advice on the topic of potential ERWSD-UERWA unification. Director Trueblood stated that the Board is looking for clarification in case they are asked to make any formal input on the matter and to understand in more detail the effects unification could have on EMD.

McDowell Engineering Proposals

Mr. Schroeder explained there are two traffic study proposals put together for the Edwards Metro District included in the meeting packet. He asked the Board if they have any questions on either of the proposals that were included. Director Williams said that he questions the power of the Board when it comes to policy changes or decisions and asked if it made sense to go forward with the study. Mr. Schroeder stated that the County would probably want to have input on any decisions made regarding changes to policies or traffic patterns. Director Trueblood stated that he believes the study would give the District something tangible to present to the County if EMD would like to ask the County for any changes. Director Kerwin asked about the dollar number for the leadership meetings within the study, both open meetings and with Eagle County. Mr. Schroeder stated that he thinks it is important to reach out for input from the area residents, and involving the County is also good to plan for. Director Williams stated he thinks this study would help when approaching the County for assistance with traffic issues and in case the District would like to fund its own changes as well. Mr. Marchetti suggested a meeting with representatives from Eagle County Engineering and the Commissioner's office to coordinate the study with them. Director Trueblood asked Mr. Marchetti about budgeting for the project in 2023. Mr. Marchetti said there may be funds available from other projects, or a supplemental budget appropriation could be made if needed.

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By motion made by Director Williams and seconded by Director Erickson it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the McDowell Engineering traffic optimization study proposal subject to meeting with Eagle County Engineering and representatives from the Commissioner's office to coordinate the study with them and suggested adjustments to the costs.

Mr. Schroeder reviewed the roundabout optimization study also included in the meeting packet. Director Williams stated he has discussed with Ben Gerdes and Rickie Davies the possible roundabout changes and suggested the Board hold off on this study for now and see what Eagle County comes up with first. Mr. Schroeder stated he does agree it makes sense to hold off for now. The Board agreed to put the roundabout study on hold for now.

West End Update

No update this meeting

EVRTA Update

The Board representatives couldn't get onto the virtual meeting. They are hoping to have more information at the next meeting in May.

Director Update

Director Williams stated he's still trying to get the pedestrian beacons project underway. He hasn't heard back from the supplier or the installer recently. He also mentioned they have a plan at the Riverwalk to put in the Shift Bike stations. He also reached out to SGM to find out if they can help with the sidewalk project and has not gotten a response yet.

Director Erickson stated he thinks the Board needs to appoint someone other than a Board member to run the pedestrian beacon and sidewalk projects. He'd like to reach out to an owner's rep about assisting. He spoke to the County about additional signage in Homestead, and also curb and gutter repairs. He stated that the County does want to coordinate with the District when the sidewalks are getting repaired.

Director Trueblood stated that he has found it productive to have Mary Elizabeth Geiger, water legal counsel, involved with EMD and the question of proposed ERWSD-UERWA unification. He then disclosed that he was contacted in early April via email by Bob Warner, who was running for the ERWSD District 6 seat in the recent district elections. Mr. Warner sent the email in Trueblood's capacity as a member of the Beaver Creek Property Owner's Association Board. Among other

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items, Mr. Warner made reference to Trueblood's involvement with the Edwards Metro board, commenting on Mr. Warner's perception of EMD board members stance on development. He stated he also likes the fact that EMD projects are moving forward.

Director Kerwin, she likes that the easements with the County for the Miller Ranch Lighting project have been put in place. She is also happy to see that Eagle County is exempt from the SB213 proposed bill. She also stated that there's a plan to put modular units on the property in front of the Mountain Rec Field House by the County. She would like to see the Sheriff's substation moved from the Field House to their new municipal buildings, which would open up the space for other use.

Director Heide said that they announced starting Monday three days of pulse releases from the Glen Canyon Dam to flush through Grand Canyon, for the first time since 2018. She also thanked the Board members and Mr. Marchetti for help with the Mikaela 87 gift and celebration. She presented a banner that can be used for media events etc.

Short Term Rental Unit Registration

The Board discussed what this registration or fee structure is and how it will affect rental properties. The Board will discuss this issue more in the future when details are available.

Highway 6 and Edwards Village Boulevard Roundabout

Director Williams has reached out to CDOT to find out who to apply to get a permit for the repairs to the ribbons in the roundabout. He's waiting to hear back.

Climate Action Collaborative Yard Cleanup

Beth Reilly suggested EMD consider sponsoring yard waste pick-up days in the spring and fall to help reduce greenhouse gases. Ms. Reilly invited Amelia Kovacs from Walking Mountains to join a future meeting to give more detail on the request.

Eagle River Preserve Access

The Board discussed the proposed letter to Eagle County Attorney's Office about the eastern access to the Eagle River Preserve being cut off. Director William's would like to simply ask Eagle County to set up a legal public easement to that side of the Preserve. Director Heide stated that she has had residents come to her about the

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conflict being caused by the landowner. The Board revised the language in the letter and authorized it to be sent.

Minutes The Board reviewed the April 6, 2023 Special Meeting minutes. Mr. Trueblood made some suggestions for edits that the Board agreed with. By motion made by Director Williams and seconded by Director Erickson it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the April 6, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes with the suggested edits

Preliminary Financial Statements

The Board discussed the preliminary March 31st financial statements and the YTD sales tax numbers. By motion made by Director Williams and seconded by Director Kerwin it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the March 31, 2023 financial statements

Accounts Payable List

The Board reviewed the April accounts payable list. Ms. Nicholson asked the Board for approval to add the LGM invoice, for the Mikaela model, into the April payables for \$989.40. By motion made by Director Williams and seconded by Director Kerwin it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the April accounts payable list with the LGM invoice addition.

Mill Levy Credit Discussion

Mr. Marchetti explained to the Board that he tentatively put a mill levy credit in the preliminary 2024 budget for 1.691 mills (the full amount of the mill levy) for an example of what the budget will look like without any property taxes in 2024. Director Trueblood stated that he would like to consider a credit, but with the projects the District currently has planned, he'd like to see the 2024 revenue be similar to 2023. No decision is needed currently and a decision will need to be made in October when it is time to set the budget and mill levy. Mr. Marchetti will revise the credit to bring the revenues to match what they are in 2023 for an example at the next meeting.

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Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, by motion duly made by Director Trueblood and seconded by Director Erickson it was unanimously

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting of the Edwards Metropolitan District Board of Directors this 20th day of April, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Kendra Nicholson
Recording Secretary for the Meeting