

**Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Directors
RIVER ROAD PARK and RECREATION DISTRICT
1400 Lake Drive, Eugene OR., 97404**

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, November 20, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jim Wienecke, Sharon Purdy, Michael Lambros, Curt Kendall
Absent:	Bob Blanchard
STAFF:	Jana Weaver, Renee Duncan, Cindy Wade, Steve Camerer
PUBLIC:	Craig Gibbons, Robin Avidan
Guests:	Peter Gelser (auditor), Tim Wallace (Sheriff), Tiffany Brown (Emergency Preparedness)

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of River Road Park and Recreation District's Board of Directors was called to order by Board Chairman, Jim Wienecke at 6:00pm.

ITEM 1 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda made by Michael Lambros and seconded by Curt Kendall. Passed 4:0

ITEM 2 CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

ITEM 3 PRESENTATIONS

3A. Presentation: Tim Wallace, from the Lane County Sheriff's office, spoke to us regarding how to keep ourselves and our belongings safe. Most crimes in our area are crimes of opportunity (doors unlocked, windows open, valuables left in plain sight, etc.). He suggested motion detector lights and Ring type door cameras. They really help with deterring these types of crimes. He also spoke about the staffing shortage of patrol officers and why it sometimes takes a while to respond. If it is an active crime that is happening at the moment, they will pull officers from other areas to help out. He also spoke regarding scams and how it's mostly the younger and older generations that are falling for these. He also spoke about the advantages of neighborhood watch groups and about knowing your neighbors well enough to notice when things are not right.

Tiffany Brown is the Lane County Emergency Manager. She spoke about our community infrastructure and Resilience Hubs (new term for emergency shelters). She also mentioned that we could possibly team up and host events and training on emergency preparedness.

Peter Gelser is from Koontz, Blasquez & Associates, P.C and they performed our annual financial audit this year. Overall, things are looking good financially. We do need to work on a better system to track our deferred accounting, so monies are posted in the correct fiscal year.

Jana reported that our gymnastics team had their first meet of the season and 11 of the girls took first place, and all of them have qualified for State. The meeting with author Deborah Miranda was well attended with 45 people. There are three swim teams in our area that have an otter as their mascot, so they decided to have an annual Tri-Otter meet, hosted by RRST this year. The Holiday Bazaar is completely sold out and our revenue for this is a little over \$2000. Santa's Smorgasbord is happening on December 14th and Jana is looking for some donations to help with this. Our annual staff party will be held in January this year and will be more of a staff appreciation party instead of a holiday party. Jana is moving ahead with hiring a Recreation/Outreach Director and will begin interviewing in January. Jana also met with some members of the City of Eugene, hoping to build a rapport with them and possibly work together with them on some items.

ITEM 4 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4A. There were a few issues with the fundraising accounts not tracking correctly and a few other payroll codes that have been pulling in with old codes. Those have been resolved.

ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA

5A. A motion to approve the meeting minutes and expenditures was made by Michael Lambros and seconded by Sharon Purdy. Passed 4:0

ITEM 6 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6A. There was discussion on what to do to honor Dale Weigandt and Vickie Bird for their service to the park. People liked the idea of benches and talked about where to place them.

ITEM 7 NEW BUSINESS

7A. Resolution 251 – Employer Contributions to qualifying Part Time Staff into a 457-retirement plan. Motion to approve was made by Michael Lambros and seconded by Curt Kendall. Passed 4:0

7B. Formation of committee for Superintendent’s performance review. Michael Lambros and Jim Wienecke will perform these interviews.

ITEM 8 BOARD COMMENTS

8A. NA

ITEM 9 DATE FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 6pm.

ITEM 10 ADJOURNMENT 8:11pm

MINUTES APPROVED ON _____, 2025.

Board Chairman Wienecke

Recorded by Cindy Wade