

**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, April 20, 2022

BOARD PRESENT: Dennis Durfee (absent), Sharon Purdy (absent), Jim Wienecke, Curt Kendall, Steve Norris
STAFF: Bob Houston, Vickie Bird, Cathy Casalegno, Katrina Setzer, Kennedy Fung, Steve Camerer, Kathy Beck

PUBLIC: Howard Malcolm, Dennis McGrath, Erik Dean, Cathy McGrath, Nicole Tena, Schkara Brintnall, Karen Orth Sharon Dorsett, Ryan Postma, Sarah McCarthy, Ella Vaughn, Joel Robe, Bud Taylor, Kelly Stroh, Romney Taylor, Linda Jackson, Karre Briggs, Linda Jackson, Zoey Nye, Cindy McLaren, Julie Fellows.

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 6pm.

ITEM 1 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve made by Steve Norris, seconded by Curt Kendall, motion passed.

ITEM 2 CONSENT AGENDA

2A. Approval of the Consent Agenda to ratify March 16, 2022, minutes payroll and expenditures.
Motion to approve made by Curt Kendall, seconded by Steve Norris, motion passed.

ITEM 3 BOARD CHAIR COMMENTS

Chairman Wienecke acknowledged the citizens in attendance and thanked them for their participation. With various Board members having received numerous communications over the last several weeks from former swim team members presenting false narratives, Chairman Wienecke gave a short summarization of facts pertaining to the current swim team program and reaffirmed support for Superintendent Houston's decision not to renew Bill Kuzmer's swim club coaching contract. A brief statement of guidelines relevant to citizen's comments were announced: three-minute speaking limits; the expectation of courteous and respectful behavior from all speakers and persons in attendance.

ITEM 4 CITIZENS COMMENTS (limited to 3 minutes each)

Public comments regarding the non-renewal of Bill Kuzmer's swim club coaching contract.

ITEM 5 BOARD COMMENTS

Board member Kendall expressed appreciation for the show of support for Bill Kuzmer but reiterated the Board's full knowledge and approval of the decision of non-renewal regarding Kuzmer's contract. He also reaffirmed the decision was purely a business determination, due to declining enrollment and revenues over the last three to four swim club seasons. Board member Norris commented on the enthusiastic support for Bill Kuzmer. He also acknowledged support for the decision not to renew Bill Kuzmer's contract. He expressed concern for what he perceived to be a communication disconnect between the Board and attendees. He would like to revisit discussion around the possibility of forming an advisory committee as a go-between the *public* ? (unclear re: representation) and the Board, requested by several patrons in attendance. Norris also commented on email accessibility to Board members and tabled further discussion. Chairman Wienecke was interrupted by several citizens requesting their debate be added to the Agenda for May 18, 2022. There was no immediate decision made regarding the request.

ITEM 6 DATE FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

Regular Board Meeting followed by the annual Budget Committee Meeting
May 18, 2022, at 6pm.

ITEM 7 ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wienecke adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm