



Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District

June 24, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Hybrid (DMPMPD District Office and Remote Online)

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

President Young called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Also, present were Commissioners Campbell, Dusenbury, and Thorell; Aquatics Manager Knox, District General Manager Deschenes, Clerk Melum and Residents Ben Fortine and Gene Achziger. Commissioner Stender was not present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Dusenbury led the flag salute.

ADOPTION/MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA – Commissioner Dusenbury requested to have a discussion of the pool's lease with the Highline School District added to the agenda. The item was added as item 8i under new business. Commissioner Campbell moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Thorell 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS – District GM Deschenes announced the district had used \$7,595.00 of the KCYAS Grant for free swimming and was on pace to fully use the grant by the August closure. District GM Deschenes presented Resolution 2025-03 for July is National Parks and Recreation month to show the importance of parks and recreation, and how the Mount Rainier Pool helps support those services.

Commissioner Thorell move that the Board of Commissioners of the Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District adopt the proclamation recognizing July 2025 as National Parks and Recreation Month, celebrating the vital role that public recreation—specifically aquatic programming through the Mount Rainier Pool—plays in promoting health, safety, community connection, and lifelong wellness in our District. Commissioner Dusenbury 2nd. The motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Resident, Gene Achziger informed the board that he attended a visioning event at the Tukwila Pool's visioning event, and suggested both pool districts (Des Moines and Tukwila) work together on the future of the pools. He mentioned that both districts are having issues with the school districts and leases. He recommended setting up an informational sharing session.

6a. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Campbell moved to approve the Consent Agenda including the vouchers and electronic transfer requests processed in May 2025 totaling \$118,651.19. Commissioner Dusenbury 2nd. The motion passed 4-0.

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OLD BUSINESS

7a. SAO Audit Work Plan

District GM Deschenes presented a six-month outline following the two-touch rule on the State Auditor's Office (SAO) recommendations for the Mount Rainier Pool. A copy of the outline is included in the June 24 agenda packet.

Commissioner Campbell questioned the move of the offices, as the first attempt was not successful. District GM Deschenes mentioned that he was unsure the long-term success before with the potential of in-person meetings and the server backups, but with remote meeting capabilities, better storage of public records, and the option of a cloud-based server, he believes the pool district can do without the office that mostly sits empty. President Young requested District GM Deschenes put together a work plan on the office changeover and bring it back to the board.

7b. SAO Cybersecurity Checkup

District GM Deschenes notified the board that the district was currently participating in SAO's Cybersecurity Checkup and that they should have results including additions to the work plan at the July 22 board meeting. The Cybersecurity Checkup is the smaller of the two options available with the larger audit having a year waiting list. Once the Checkup is complete, District GM will sign the district up for the full audit.

7c. 50th Anniversary Planning

District GM Deschenes presented a proposed outline for the 50th Anniversary event including a tagline for the 50th anniversary, which the board chose to be "From first splash to next wave: 50 years and beyond.". The board also elected to have the anniversary on Sunday, September 21, noon-3pm. An event logistics were discussed including timeline, dignitaries to invite, event plaque, historical archive information, giveaway items and speaker. The public outreach committee will work to hone the presented items for a final recommended outline to be presented at a future meeting. A copy of the presentation is available in the June 24 agenda packet.

7d. Insurance Changeover Selection Process Update

District GM Deschenes notified the board that one of the applicants AWC-RMSA had a board meeting the next evening, and recommended moving the board meeting to an early July date. The board selected July 1, 2025 at 7pm.

7e. Stakeholder Homework

District GM Deschenes presented the stakeholder homework that was sent out to the board. The board discussed the results, and requested some changes be made and for the homework to be presented at the July 22 board meeting. A copy of the presentation is available in the June 24 agenda packet.

7f. Surge Pit, Emergency Repair Update

District GM Deschenes shared the final agreement with MLA Engineering for engineering work for the pool's surge pit. District GM updated the board on special meetings, and work towards an emergency repair during the August closure. A copy of the signed agreement with MLA Engineering was provided in the June 24 agenda packet.

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NEW BUSINESS

8a. Payment System Update (first touch)

District GM Deschenes went over CivicRec's new payment processing system. District GM Deschenes will present the information at a future meeting. A copy of the items presented are included in the June 24 agenda packet. This is a first touch item that will be voted on at the July 22 regular board meeting.

8b. Engineer of Record

District GM Deschenes presented a listed an Engineer of Record process to create bid packets for grants the district has received. He gave an update on the outline for the process. This outline is included in the June 24 agenda packet.

At 7:52pm, the board took a two minute recess until 7:54pm.

8c. Single Sex Swim Lessons

District GM Deschenes presented research on a request for single sex swims. A member of the community sent an email request for single sex swim lessons that is included in the June 24 agenda packet. This is the first request the district has received for these services. District GM presented the logistics including how it affects current programming. The board decided to do more research and outreach before making a final decision. A copy of the items presented are included in the June 24 agenda packet.

8d. August Closure (first touch)

District GM Deschenes presented a suggested closure for August 4-24. Some grant projects are moved to 2026 due to grant lien issues due to the Mount Rainier Pool lease not being ratified. A copy of the projects for the closure are included in the June 24 agenda packet.

8e. Electric Critical Repairs

District GM Deschenes presented a bid for critical repairs to the electrical system. The electrical issues are from deteriorating wiring that have caused power issues to the lighting in the back equipment room, fans, and exterior lighting. District GM Deschenes stated the repairs are not to exceed, and do not include replacement of the power boxes that are part of a grant application for 2026. President Young wanted District GM Deschenes to do research to see if there was just the tip of the iceberg. Commissioner Dusenbury mentioned meeting with a representative from Wood Harbinger. The board directed District GM Deschenes to bring updated information to the next meeting.

8f. Public Outreach Calendar

Aquatics Manager Knox presented a public outreach calendar for summer 2025. A copy of the calendar is included in the June 24 agenda packet.

8g. Summer Programming

Aquatics Manager Knox presented the July 7 schedule update including swim lessons. A copy of the report is available in the June 24 agenda packet.

8h. Swag Program (first touch)

This item was pushed to a future meeting due to time.

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8i. HSD Lease (item added to agenda)

Commissioner Dusenbury moved to proposed the board direct staff and legal to craft a resolution to the public that the district will only operate the Mount Rainier Pool until December 31, 2030. After that the district will not operate the Mount Rainier Pool. Commissioner Thorell seconded. After discussion, the board voted 1-3. Motion failed.

President Young directed District GM Deschenes poll legal and the board to hold a special meeting. He also mentioned setting up a meeting with the Finance Committee to review the FCS Group presentation and its affects on future district financing.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

9. Performance of a Public Employee

President Young announced the board would go into executive session to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140(4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public. The executive session will start at 8:42pm and last for 5 minutes until 8:47 p.m. The meeting re-convened at 8:47 p.m. After the executive session, the board elected to table the discussion until a future meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Dusenbury notified the board that he would be out-of-town for the July 22 board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8: 51 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- July 1, 2025, 7:00pm, Special Meeting*, N/A, Location: Hybrid (DMPMPD Offices and Online)
- To Be Determined, Special Meeting**, N/A, Location: Hybrid (DMPMPD Offices and Online)
- July 22, 2025, Regular Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Location: Hybrid (DMPMPD Offices and Online)

Respectfully submitted by Scott Deschenes, District General Manager.

**July 1 Special Meeting for Insurance Selection (see item 7d). To Be Determined Special Meeting is to meet with legal on HSD Lease (see item 8i).*

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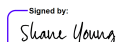
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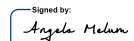
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