



Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District

June 25, 2024

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 7:03 p.m. Also, present were Commissioners Campbell, Stender and Thorell; District General Manager (GM) Deschenes; and resident, Gene Achziger. Commissioner Dusenbury was not present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Dusenbury led the flag salute.

ADOPTION/MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA – The sent agenda had an error. Items 7c Board Role and District GM Compensation. Commissioner Stender moved to accept the agenda. Commissioner Campbell 2nd. The motion passed 4-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Campbell questioned the size of the Department of Revenue payment. The District General Manager notified the board that the fee was the combination of a large rental payment by a user group in the fourth quarter of 2023, and a penalty for a late payment.

Commissioner Campbell moved to approve the Consent Agenda including the vouchers and electronic transfer requests processed in May totaling \$161,086.25. Commissioner Stender 2nd. The motion passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

7a. Cyber Security Updates

The District General Manager notified the board that Dallas Stewart, President of CMIT Solutions, did not return messages after agreeing to attend this meeting. The item was pushed to a future meeting.

7b. HSD Lease Update

The District General Manager notified the board that he had a discussion with Highline School District's Director of Capital Planning. She stated that she had sent the proposed lease out to other department heads with a deadline of June 21. If they did not receive comments by the June 21 deadline, the presentation would be pushed from the July 10 school board meeting to another future meeting. As of the June 25 meeting, the District General Manager had not heard from the school district.

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The District General Manager also notified the board that he had reached out due to peeling on the roof of the pool. The Director of Capital Facilities notified him that Tremco would be coming out to complete warranty work on the roof.

They also discussed the Best Starts for Kids Grant, and for the District General Manager to notify her if there were any funding issues.

7c. Board Roles

President Young stated after discussions, the board has a different expectation on how the board should act and facilitate board meetings. This is due to board turnover over the last couple of years. The board would like to have discussions about expectations for the board and staff. President Young stated that he feels like the board is going through the motions, and needs to focus more on the big picture, which is to expand our aquatics, which is to build a new pool with more water space. The board wants to restructure the meetings to work better towards this goal including making schedules, scheduling appointments, inviting people to meetings, or anything to help move forward. The board then brainstormed with the District General Manager on moving forward. President Young requested the District General Manager put a financial presentation together for the July 23 board meeting. President Young also stated he needed the District General Manager to facilitate how to take the board's vision and develop a plan. President Young stated the next steps from discussion would be 1) brainstorming the path forward, 2) having a finance meeting to go over levy rates, 3) have a stakeholder rundown including school district, cities and other potential partners, 4) reevaluating the path forward from past studies/surveys, and 5) creating workgroups and tasks to move forward. Commissioner Campbell requested the District General Manager send past reports to the commissioners. Commissioner Thorell recommended establishing a citizens advisory group to help with this process and move things forward. Commissioner Stender requested to work with better internal data for discussion and talking points.

President Young discussed setting clear expectations for the District General Manager. He mentioned better utilizing the board meetings for discussions rather than presentations. Commissioner Stender suggested focusing on three core topics: financial, liability and the future of the pool including what is broken. Commissioner Campbell added that she would like to see management staff be more engaged at board meetings. Commissioner Thorell wanted to see more information on current capital projects and resources available, and what staff is doing to maximize and balance pool usage.

President Young mentioned the board wanted a clear and concise financial report by the July 23 board meeting. He also mentioned meeting on improving the written reports.

7d. District General Manager Compensation

The Board President announced the board would go into an executive session to evaluate the performance of a public employee subject to RCW 42.30.140(4). The board went into executive session until 7:41 pm for approximately 30 minutes to 8:11 pm.

No action was taken, and action was pushed to the July 23 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

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8a. Waterland Events

The District GM, Gene Achziger and Commissioner Thorell discussed the Waterland events on Saturday, July 20. The District GM announced the pool would be open and swim lessons would not be cancelled for the first time since the pandemic. The Mount Rainier Pool lifeguards, staff, board and volunteer will participate in the Pirate Cove (children’s event) from noon to 4pm at the Des Moines Field House Park, and the Waterland Parade. Logistrics were discussed including staff participation and giveaways. The event will be listed on the district’s governance page in case there is a quorum of board members attending the events, but no district business will be discussed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

President Young announced that he may be late for the July 23 board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- July 23, 2024, Regular Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Location: Hybrid (DMPMPD Offices and Online)
- August 27, 2024, Regular Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Location: Hybrid (DMPMPD Offices and Online)


Respectfully submitted by Scott Deschenes, District General Manager.

Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District Board of Commissioners


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Commissioner Young

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Commissioner Campbell

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Commissioner Thorell

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Commissioner Dusenbury

Commissioner Stender

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