

Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District

October 22, 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 7:00 p.m. Also, present were Commissioners Campbell, Dusenbury and Thorell; District General Manager (GM) Deschenes; Aquatics Manager Knox; and FCS Group Representatives: T. Robert Hamud and Eli Jamieson. Commissoner Stender was not present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Dusenbury led the flag salute.

ADOPTION/MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA – None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS – The District General Manager notified the board that the district of an incident in the pool parking lot and that the towing agreement would be renewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Commissioner Thorell moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Dusenbury 2nd. The motion passed 4-0.

6a. CONSENT AGENDA

Commisioner Campbell moved to approve the Consent Agenda including the vouchers and electronic transfer requests processed in September 2024 totaling \$116,688.40. Commissioner Thorell 2nd. The motion passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

7a. Levy Update

FCS Group made a presentation to the board on the pool district's levy analysis and fiscal sustainability report. A copy of the report is included in the October 22 agenda packet, and available by request.

7b. Aquatics Manager Q3 Report

The Aquatics Manager reported on the quarter 3 (July 1-August 30) at the Mount Rainier Pool. A copy of the report is available in the October 22 agenda packet.

7c. Citizens Advisory Committee

The District General Manager gave an update on work for the Citizen's Advisory Committee. He mentioned that he was going to schedule a meeting with the Public Outreach Committee and have information to present at the November 12 board meeting.

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7d. Insurance Policy Discussion

The District General Manager notified the board that he had met with Enduris Insurance to request a quote and potentially change insurance carriers. He also notified the board that Washington Cities Insurance Authority had an Executive Session on October 11 where they were reclassifying park and pool districts into their own category. This would increase insurance rates by an estimated 50% in 2026. The overall increases in insurance would be \$37,371 in 2024, an estimated \$58,000 in 2025 and an estimated \$88,000 in 2026. This is an estimated increase of 235% over two years. Although the pool district has only paid a grand total of \$271 in losses over 15 years; the pool district must share in losses with these other agencies that was an estimated 143% over rates collected in 2023. The District GM also discussed looking at quotes from other insurance providers that he will provide in a future weekly report. Commissioner Young recommended looking into the Association of Washington Cities, who offer a retro safety pool for organizations like the Mount Rainier Pool that have good safety records.

7e. Grant Projects and 2025 Closures

The District General Manager updated the board about the two grants the district had received in the total of \$1.638 million. For the KCYAS Grant for the boiler, the District General Manager is going to complete an electronic bid on MRSC Rosters. The goal is to have this project bid and ready to start on March 10, 2025. The Best Starts for Kids Grant for both HVAC units is more complex due to the environmental controls and the need to have sealed bids. The City of Des Moines project manager is recommending hiring and architect of record to manage this project. Due to the complexity and new processes, the closure for this project will be moved to August 2025. The District General Manager will bring bid documents and potential architects of record to the November 12 meeting. The District General Manager also mentioned the pool district received a Get Active, Stay Active Grant for \$10,000. He also gave an update on the grant paperwork.

NEW BUSINESS

8a. 2025 Wage and Salary Scale (first touch)

The District General Manager made a presentation on the proposed salary scale, which is based on inflation to Washington State minimum wage, which went up from \$16.28 to \$16.66 or 2.33%. A copy of this presentation is included in the October 22 agenda packet.

8b. 2025 Rate Recommendations (first touch)

The District General Manager presented the 2025 rate recommendations including estimated revenues, which are significantly lower than other service providers in the area. The commissioners requested the District General Manager work on providing different rate options with low, middle and higher rates, and present the information at the November 12 meeting. A copy of this presentation is included in the October 22 agenda packet.

8c. 2025 Proposed Budget (first touch)

The District General Manager proposed the budget for 2025. This was created before the FCS Group presentation made earlier in the meeting (item 7a). A copy of this presentation is included in the October 22 agenda packet.

8d. Overpayment (first touch)

The District General Manager notified the board that he was underpaid, and then overpaid. He is working with staff and the payroll service to get the issue resolved and will make a payment next week to resolve the issue. He will make sure it is documented and report to the board when it is finalized.

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GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Thorell asked what the schedule was moving forward with the levy and budget. A discussion occurred and the board discussed the possibility of having a meeting on November 26, but a decision will be made at the November 12 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

 November 12, 2024, Regular Board Meeting and Budget and Levy Public Hearing, 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

Signed by:		Signed by:	
Shane Young	11/13/2024	Joe Dusenbury	11/15/2024
Commissioner Young Signed by:		Commissioner Dusenbury	
Holly Campbell			
Commissioner Campbell		Commissioner Stender	
Patrice Thorell	11/13/2024		
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