

**RIO LINDA ELVERTA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT**  
**810 Oak Lane, Rio Linda, California 95673**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**January 15, 2025**

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Charlea R. Moore called the meeting to order on January 15, 2025, at 6:00pm. Present were Vice Chairperson Wayne Del Nero, Secretary Troy Golden, Director Lisa L. Morris, and Director Deanna Read. Staff members present included General Manager Mike Heller, Administrative Services Supervisor Annette Hernandez, Parks Supervisor Don Davidson, Recreation Supervisor Yanni Lagge, Administrative Assistant Sandra Mefford and Recreation Coordinator Lilyanna McCurdy. The meeting was also broadcast on Zoom Communications.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Presentations & Announcements**

General Manager Introduced Lilyanna McCurdy as our new Recreation Coordinator.

Ed Valencia and Tonya Haddix of the Rio Linda Lions Club gave an update on Ruby's Baskets success in feeding families and supplying toys to kids for Christmas. In addition, they presented the Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Parks and Donald Davidson with a Certificate of Appreciation for invaluable service and cooperation extended to Ruby's Baskets.

- Chairperson Charlea Moore thanked the Rio Linda Lions Club contribution to the community.

**Written Correspondence**

Letter of Police Disbandment explanation from Fulton El Camino RPD Board Chairperson.

- Director Morris Stated that she did not like the last paragraph regarding the inappropriate venting to the FECRPD staff.

Letter from Sacramento County – Pooled Investment Report

Both items were received and filed.;

**Consent Calendar**

Item #1 Park Police Monthly Report was pulled by Chairperson Charlea R. Moore for discussion. Former FEC Police Officer Trent Davis spoke regarding his 5 years with the FECPD and how much he appreciated all the effort that the Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Park District, their Board of Directors, and their General Manager have put in to keep the Police Department operating.

Chairperson Moore thanked the FECPD for all the support they have given us and stated we are disappointed that we could not do more.

**Motion No. 1**

**It was moved by Director Morris and Director Del Nero seconded the motion to approve the consent calendar as follows: Received and filed: (1) Park Police Monthly Report (December 2024); Approve: (2) Minutes of December 11, 2024, Board of Director Meeting; (3) Cash Disbursements, December 31, 2024; (4) Finance Report, December 31, 2024; (5) Park Maintenance Monthly Report, December 2024; (6) Recreation Monthly Report, December 2024; (7) General Manager's Report, December 2024; (8) Adoption of Resolution #2025-01 Approving contract with Knight Watch Protective Services Inc. for Park and Facility patrols (9) Discussion to eliminate the Firehouse Committee as a Standing Committee: Motion carried: Ayes; (5); Noes; (0), Abstain; (0), Absent; (0).**

## **General Business Agenda**

### **Item #10**

#### **Discussion -Twin Rivers Unified School District Police Services.**

General Manager Heller introduced this item recommending that the Board of Directors begin a discussion weighing options to proceed with the Request for Proposals (RFP) for park security, or to further explore a partnership with the Twin Rivers Unified School District (TRUSD). The cost for the TRUSD would be approximately \$33,000.00 more that the District was paying to the FECPD and would be more than likely more expensive than any proposals received by RFP.

Chairperson Moore asked if there was a presentation. Twin Rivers Board Member Stacey Bastain stated there was no presentation and thanked the board for its support and fast preplanning. She thanked Chief Business officer Ryan DiGiulio and Chief of Police David Lugo for being in attendance. Mr. DiGiulio did add that a plan for service is being formulated and that TRUSD is waiting to see what agencies might be involved.

Chairperson Moore thanked the representatives from TRUSD for speaking to the Board of Directors.

Vice Chairperson Del Nero stated that he would like to see this workout even if it cost us extra money.

Director Read asked if TRUSD has any hesitations. Mr. DiGiulio said there were not any.

Director Morris said she is grateful and appreciative for TRUSD to be interested in the service.

Director Golden echoed the other's thoughts.

Chairperson Moore stated that she loved the service when it was previously provided by TRUSD. She is looking forward to having this happen. She would like to see the three Districts (Arcade Creek, North Highlands, and Rio Linda) each have a separate MOU and work through this.

Chief Lugo said that this is still early in the conversation, and he will know specifics hours as each District's needs were identified. He is looking at models to see what will work.

Chairperson Moore would like General Manager Heller to follow up on a workshop meeting with North Highlands and Arcade Creek. Chief Lugo said they would be willing to host such a meeting.

### **Agenda Item #11**

#### **Discussion - Educational Augmentation Fund (ERAF)**

General Manager Heller introduced this item, asking the Board of Directors and provided a brief re-cap of what ERAF is and when it began in the State of California. He also introduced Michael Seaman and Matthew Duarte. Michael is on the Board of Directors of the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts (CARPD) and Matthew it the Executive Director of CARPD.

Mr. Seaman, speaking as a private citizen, spoke and provided a more in depth description of ERAF and how it affects local Special Districts.

Mr. Duarte added that ERAF is a problem that is 30 years in the making and that currently the CARPD Board of Directors is gathering data from their member Districts and looking for a consultant to analyze the data to present an argument to all California Counties to reevaluate the formula used to produce the number billed to each agency annually.

Director Read asked several questions including how is ERAF calculated; Is there a situation where

there is excess, and if so, where do those dollars go?

Mr. Duarte responded and said there have been several instances where ERAF has collected more than needed. The dollars are returned to the home County, and it stays with that County.;

Mr. Seaman stated that he is repeating a line from a former CARPD Board Director – when complaining about ERAF “They (State) stole it fair and square.”

Chairperson Moore echoed Mr. Seaman’s thoughts. She asked if the General Manager would draft a letter of interest to CARPD stating that the Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Park would like be active with the consultant and data analyzation.

**Agenda Item #12**

**Adoption of Resolution # 2025-02 to approve Board Committee Assignments.**

General Manager Heller introduces the item and reminded the Board of Directors that the Firehouse Committee has been disbanded. He then turned the discussion over to Chairperson Moore who appointed the Board Committee assignments as follows:

- Administration and Finance Committee – Secretary Golden and Director Morris (Chair)
- Planning Committee – Vice Chairperson Del Nero and Chairperson Moore (Chair)
- Safety and Security Committee – Director Read and Secretary Golden (Chair)
- Dry Creek Parkway Committee – Director Morris
- LAFCo-SDAC – Chairperson Moore and Director Read

**Motion No. 2**

**It was moved by Secretary Golden and Director Morris seconded the motion to Adopt Resolution #2025-02 to approve the 2025 Board Committee Assignments. Motion carried: Ayes; (5), Noes; (0), Abstain; (0), Absent; (0) .**

**Agenda Item #13**

**Adoption of Resolution # 2025-03 approving the Mid-Year Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.**

General Manager Heller introduced this item suggesting a mid-year adjustment at the January Administration and Finance Committee meeting and has prepared the adjustments for the Board of Directors to consider. Since the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget approval there have been several projects that have come online that need to be funded and addressed for the current fiscal year. Staff are recommending the following additions for the mid -year adjustment.

The total unbudgeted expenditures are as follows:

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| 1. Capital Improvements- Building-42420200               | \$ 20,000.00 |
| 2. Security for parks- Park Building Operations-20257100 | \$ 45,000.00 |

**Total adjustments are: \$ 65,000.00**

**Motion No. 3**

**It was moved by Secretary Golden and Director Read seconded the motion to approve the Adoption of Resolution # 2025-03 approving the Mid-Year Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Motion carried: Ayes; (5), Noes; (0), Abstain; (0), Absent; (0).**

**Board of Directors Committee Minutes**

Administration and Finance Committee – Met on January 7, 2025. Discussed the Knight Watch contract; TRUSD police patrol for the future; The Budget Review; and ERAF.

Planning Committee – Did not meet.

Safety and Security Committee – Did not meet.

Fire House Museum Committee – met on December 18 and discussed the fundraiser dinner with the potential of a new venue as the dinner has outgrown the Community Center.

Dry Creek Parkway – Did not meet

LAFCo – Did not meet. The next meeting is scheduled April 29, 2025

**Board of Directors Comments**

Vice Chairperson Del Nero thanked everyone for pulling everything together. He is hopeful that we are able to have TRUSD patrol the parks and is aware it will be a hard thing to do. He appreciates the ERAF information, he was not aware of how much money we were losing.

Director Read said she is looking forward to the TRUSD Police presentation and requested past police reports from FECPD from General Manager Heller. She thanked Chairperson Moore for bringing the ERAF issue to light.

Secretary Golden said he is in agreement and is looking forward to working with the TRUSD.

Director Morris welcomed Lillyanna to the staff and thanked School Trustee Bastian for her efforts. She also thanked everyone for supporting the Board Meeting.

Chairperson Moore thanked the Staff and individually thanked Recreation Supervisor Lagge for the Breakfast with Santa; Parks Supervisor Davidson for all continued work on the parks, which are looking great; Administrative Services Supervisor Hernandez for the work on the financials; and General Manager Heller for all he has done for the District. She agrees we need to push harder on ERAF, it could mean more money for us in the future. She stated we need the Districts to grow in order to receive more revenue. She would like everyone to think about how to increase revenues.

**General Manager Comments**

General Manager Heller reminded the Board about the Polar Plunge on Saturday at 1:00pm. He also stated that he has begun to work on the grant paperwork for both County ToT and Federal Community Project Funding through appropriations.

**Future Agenda Item**

**Adjournment**


Chairperson Moore adjourned the meeting at 7:18pm

**APPROVED: Del Nero, Golden, Morris, Read**

**ATTEST:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT: Moore**

  
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Wayne Del Nero  
Vice Chairperson, Board of Directions

  
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Troy Golden  
Secretary, Board of Directions