

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
November 20, 2024**

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Lisa L. Morris called the meeting to order on November 20, 2024 at 6:06pm. Present were Vice Chairperson Charlea R. Moore and Director Robert Bastian. Staff members present included General Manager Mike Heller, Administrative Services Supervisor Annette Hernandez, Parks Supervisor Don Davidson, Recreation Supervisor Yanni Lagge, and Administrative Assistant Sandra Mefford. Director Wayne Del Nero attended the meeting via Zoom Communications. Director Troy Golden arrived at 6:08pm. The meeting was also broadcast on Zoom Communications.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments this month.

**Presentations & Announcements**

Stacey Bastian gave an update on the Christmas Light Parade. The Twin Rivers Unified School District will be supplying Portalets, garbage cans and Police for the parade.

**Written Correspondence**

No Written Correspondence

**Consent Calendar**

**Motion No. 1**

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Moore and Director Bastian seconded the motion to approve the consent calendar as follows: Received and filed: (1) Park Police Monthly Report (October 2024); Approve: (2) Minutes of October 16, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting; (3) Cash Disbursements, October 31, 2024; (4) Finance Report, October 31, 2024; (5) Park Maintenance Monthly Report, October 2024; (6) Recreation Monthly Report, October 2024; (7) General Manager's October 2024 : Ayes; (5); Noes; (0), Abstain; (0), Absent; (0).

**General Business**

**Agenda Item #8**

**Discussion and Candidate interviews for the vacant seat on the Board of Directors.**

General Manager Heller introduced this item. The three candidates present: Suzanne Rathburn, Deanna Reed and Kathrine Shermer were introduced to the Board of Directors. The board was provided eight (8) questions for the candidates and took a few minutes to review them.

At 6:21pm, Director Del Nero lost his connection on Zoom and was absent for the remainder of the meeting.

Suzanne Rathburn was interviewed first and Director Moore recused herself stating she and Suzanne were friends. Deanna Reed and Kathrine Shermer were shown to General Manager Heller's office and Director Moore to the Administration office by General Manager Heller. Suzanne answered the questions posed by the board of directors. She was escorted to the

General Manager's office and Deanna Reed was brought into the Board of Directors for her interview.

Director Moore was escorted back into the meeting room by General Manager Mike Heller.

Deanna Reed answered the questions posed by the Board of Directors and was escorted to General Manager Heller's office and Katherine Shermer was brought in.

Katherine Shermer was interviewed and at the conclusion of her questions she was escorted back to the General Manager office so the Board of Directors could deliberate and make a selection for the Board Seat.

Each of the Board Members was given opportunity to speak about the candidates. It was concluded that it was very close between Deanna Reed and Kathrine Shermer, after further discussion It was recommended that the Board swear in Deanna Reed for the appointed position.

**A formal motion was not made, but the Board of Directors agreed to vote on a candidate to fill the vacant open Board seat. It was decided to name Deanna Reed to fill the open Board Seat until December 1, 2026. The seat will be up for election in the General Election on November 3, 2026. The vote carried: Ayes; (4), Noes; (0), Abstain; (0), Absent; (1) Del Nero.**

The candidates were escorted back to the meeting. Chairperson Morris thanked all three candidates, stated it was very close and announced that Deanna Reed was selected for the Board of Directors seat. Vice Chairperson Moore thanked Suzanne Rathburn and Kathrine Shermer.

#### **Agenda Item #9**

**Discussion -LAFCO Special District Advisory Committee Nomination form for office 'A' expiring December 2026 and office 'B' expiring December 2025.**

General Manager Heller introduced this item stating that our Board of Directors has historically had a strong presence on the Sacramento LAFCo SDAC. Director Bastian's seat is due to expire at the end of the year and with him not remaining on the District Board of Directors, it would be a good time to see if any other Director would like to sit on the LAFCo SDAC. There are 14 seats that are open and SDAC members may select either a one (1) year or two (2) year term. The SDAC meets quarterly on the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month on months that have 5 Tuesdays at the SMUD Building. Currently Vice Chairperson Moore is the elected alternate on the LAFCo Commission, so the District does have the opportunity to nominate one more Board Director to the SDAC.

Vice Chairperson Moore stated that it is a really interesting position and that you learn a lot about the County Government and how it affects all Special Districts. Chairperson Morris asked if anyone was interested. Director Golden stated that he didn't think he would have time. Deanna Reed said she could probably do it but would like to think about it. Chairperson Morris stated that the item would be tabled until the December agenda.

#### **Board of Directors Committee Minutes**

Administration and Finance Committee – Met on November 12, 2024. Discussed The Board Vacancy, the 2025 District Calendar, the Districts Savings account transfer to the California Class Money Market Account, GM Report, and the Depot Roof Project.

Park Planning Committee – Met on October 14, 2024. Discussed development of the Horse Arena, Concession Booth, and Restrooms at Central Park. There has been discussion with the Twin Rivers Unified School District to discuss a joint use agreement over the fields at Hayer Park.

Safety and Security Committee – Met on October 30<sup>th</sup> Discussed the FECPD 6 options June 2025, the vandalism at the Community Center, and the new cameras at Babe Best Park.

Firehouse Museum Committee - Did not meet.

Dry Creek Parkway Committee – Did not meet.

LAFCo Committee – Did not meet. Meeting was cancelled.

### **Board of Directors Comments**

Director Bastian said Thank you to the Board and Staff for everything. He also thanked the members of the public for attending the meeting. He loves this community, and it has been an Honor to be serve on the Board

Vice Chairperson Moore said she would like to see a good attendance at the Breakfast with Santa 8:00-11:00am and at 6:00pm for the tree lighting and the Parade on Saturday, December 14. Thank you to Director Golden for lighting up the community. The Parade is an awesome event and has attracted up to 4000 people in the past. She thanked each of the candidates for applying. She also thanked Recreation Supervisor Lagge for the Trunk or Treat event, the count was 1525 and the Haunted house was almost 600 which is very impressive. She commented to Parks Supervisor Davidson that the parks look great, and the trees are getting plenty for water. Finally, she thanked General Manager Heller for keeping the District going. She wished everybody a nice Thanksgiving.

Director Golden said there is a home Christmas decorating contest sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Prizes are available and entries are available on the Chamber of Commerce website if anyone is interested.

Chairperson Morris thanked the Girl scout troop 1565 for their assistance on the Veterans' Day event, she also thanked Sgt. Don Seay and Juanda Wright for their participation. She thanked Staff for their work on the Trunk or Treat and mentioned that the Parks look great. She is looking forward to the Breakfast with Santa and the Parade.

### **General Manager Comments**

General Manager Heller stated that the next meeting will be at the Community Center on December 11<sup>th</sup> a week early due to the Holiday. It will be a ceremonial meeting swearing in the four (4) Director's. He will put the LAFCo nomination back on the agenda for next month.

### **Additional Public Comment**

Stacey Bastian thanked Robert Bastian for his service, she wished him luck and success with his future endeavors.

### **Adjournment**

Chairperson Morris adjourned the meeting at 7:17pm.

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

**ATTEST:**

**ABSTAIN:** Read

**ABSENT:**



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Lisa L. Morris  
Chairperson, Board of Directors



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Mike Heller  
General Manager, RLERP  
On behalf of the Board of Directors