

**REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE
HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
AND THE
HESPERIA AREA RECREATION DISTRICT FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Tuesday, March 29, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.
Lime Street Park Community Center
16292 Lime Street, Hesperia, CA 92345**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by President Drylie.

FLAG SALUTE

Director Garcia led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

- a. Committee: None present
- b. Foundation: Garcia, Hill, Drylie, Blocker
- c. District Staff: Chavez, Campbell, Darling, Garcia
- d. Other: None

MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC/PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of February 24, 2022, Meeting Minutes

- 1. Motion made by Vice President Blocker to approve minutes as written, seconded by Director Garcia. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Drylie, Blocker, Garcia, Hill

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

b. Preservation Committee Update

- 1. President Drylie reported the Committee hadn't met for two months due to other commitments. He provided a presentation to the Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce the previous Friday about what's going on at the museum.
- 2. President Drylie will be presenting at Ignite High Desert on the 19th of May on why history is important and the work being done by local small museums.

3. He remains hopeful to receive the grant that was applied for and is looking forward to updates on the museum and its programs.
4. Other fundraising ideas are in the works, including engravings for Christmas ornaments and more.
5. National Trails sign is to be installed south of the flag pole. It will have a 24" x 24" slab around it.
6. Between the Chamber and Victor Valley marketing group, he sees around 60 people per week. Eleven people found the recent geocache in the last month, and he's hoping to put geocaches at each monument.
7. The Hesperia Historical Preservation Group is going strong with around 713 followers.
8. Upcoming meetings with school groups are scheduled.

c. Ad-Hoc Fundraiser Committee Update

1. Vice President Blocker updated the Board on the progress of the rodeo. The angle of the promoter funding the event isn't going to work, and other avenues need to be explored. He's hoping for funding in the upcoming Fiscal Year Budget.

d. Rick Novack High School Scholarship Updates

1. Interviews are the following day and are a public meeting. The Board is asked to arrive a little early. There were more applications this year, around 75.

e. 2022 HRPD Special Events

1. Mr. Chavez illustrated the upcoming special events, including: Easter Egg Hunt, Movies in the Park, Hesperia Days, and the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.
2. Vice President Blocker inquired about the success of the Pirate Faire. It was windy again this year, so the turnout wasn't as desired, but still a great event.

f. Foundation Budget Timeline

1. Mr. Chavez advised the Board we are about two weeks late into the process with the staff turnover in the Finance department but are getting caught up. A special HARD Foundation meeting will be necessary on May 3rd.
2. President Drylie inquired about taking payments/donations through the website. That is still in process with Tyler Technologies.

g. HARD Foundation Bylaw Modification Update

1. Mr. Chavez explained the recent actions of the District Board, which changed the title of the Foundation Board Members from "Director" to "Member" and "President" and "Vice President" to "Chair" and "Vice Chair." The District Board also implemented a new appointment process, being appointed by a District Director and following their term in office.

DISTRICT FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

a. District Board Report

1. Mr. Chavez reviewed the last meeting of the District Board of Directors, including voting district maps, changes to employee health contributions and their new cafeteria plan, a presentation on grants in the works, HARD Foundation Bylaws, and a process of review for the General Manager.

- b. Comments
 1. None

STAFF REPORTS

- a. Programs/Events/Activities Handouts
 1. Mr. Chavez highlighted the staff reports included in the packet; citation numbers are up; a new Full Time Park Ranger was hired; Aquatics season is starting and staffing is an issue; alternate avenues may be necessary at the lake due to a catfish shortage.
- b. Comments
 1. President Drylie expressed that there is talk on the Facebook group about fond memories at Hesperia Lake.
 2. Vice President Blocker inquired about the age requirement for lifeguards.

FOUNDATION PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

- a. President Drylie stated everything is going well, and he's excited about the grant for which he got support from Congressman Jay Obernolte and Assemblyman Smitty Smith. There is \$47 million available, more than he thought.

FOUNDATION DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

- a. Director Hill pointed out a correction needed on the Board Calendar and inquired about the location of visitors to our website. She thanked the staff for the hat.
- b. Vice President Blocker also thanked staff for the hat. He's disappointed that he will have to miss the Easter Egg Hunt, but will still encourage Car Show registrations. He thanked Nicolas and staff.
- c. Director Garcia inquired about a possible weekly food truck gathering.
- d. Director Hill inquired about the alcohol license.
- e. President Drylie requested an advertisement for a docent/volunteer for the museum.

ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.