CALL TO ORDER

The Hesperia Recreation and Park District Board of Directors Regular Meeting was called to order by President Swanson at 7:00 p.m., at Lime Street Park Community Center, located at 16292 Lime Street, Hesperia.

ROLL CALL

DIRECTOR SWANSON: We would like to call the meeting to order at 7:00 o'clock. And would you read the roll call for us?
MS. MILLER: I will. Director Gregg?
MS. MILLER: Director Limbaugh?
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Here.
MS. MILLER: Director Swanson?
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Here.
MS. MILLER: Director Cowan?
MS. MILLER: Director Chandler?
DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Here.
MS. MILLER: Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

BOARD PRESENT: Limbaugh, Swanson, Chandler
BOARD ABSENT: Gregg, Cowan
STAFF PRESENT: Woods, Abreo, Miller, Cook, Glass, Thomas

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So we have a full board even though there's only three of us here. That compromises a quorum. And everybody knows what that means, right? So when we vote on stuff, it's okay.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Mr. Limbaugh, comprises a quorum, not compromise. Comprise. We need an approval of the Agenda. Gentlemen?
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So move. I move we approve the Agenda.
DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Second.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: All in favor? Aye.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Aye.
DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Aye.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: And Mr. Limbaugh has consented to lead us in the Flag Salute.
MS. MILLER: Oh, I was just going to do --
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Oh, hold on.
MS. MILLER: The motion to approve the Agenda was made Director Limbaugh. It was seconded by Director Chandler. Director Limbaugh, Director Swanson, and Director Chandler all voted yes. Director Gregg and Director Cowan are absent.

FLAG SALUTE

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: All rise, please, and join me in the Flag Salute. (The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Thank you. You may be seated. All right. We have Proclamations and Presentations. And I defer to our General Manager in this case.

MR. WOODS: Well, we're recognizing the other half of our support team for the 2014 Hesperia Days event. And to kick things off, I'll start with our Chief Park Ranger, Jack Thomas.

CHIEF PARK RANGER THOMAS: I knew it.

MR. WOODS: You've got the largest group.

CHIEF PARK RANGER THOMAS: Okay. Over the last several years, we've had the Fire Explorers -- where did you go?

CHIEF PARK RANGER THOMAS: You guys were back there, and now you move up here. Well, they're not here, so we'll pass the mic. We've had the Fire Explorers. We've had the COPs. And we've had the reserve deputy sheriffs. And I can't emphasize how much we appreciate their help because if they weren't there, two things would happen: I would leave, and there would be chaos. You have to have numbers to control numbers, and these guys go out there and it's hot and it's dusty and it's dirty. And everybody who comes in the last minute don't realize that they're going to be last in and last out because there's 2,000 other people that want out. And they say bad things to those guys and try to run over them, all kinds of good stuff. And they do a really good job, and we really appreciate it. Fire Explorer Post 152, Isaiah Kensley.

CHIEF PARK RANGER THOMAS: Ben Thayer.

CHIEF PARK RANGER THOMAS: Anthony Cervantes.

CHIEF PARK RANGER THOMAS: Chance Smith.

CHIEF PARK RANGER THOMAS: Mario Martinez.

CHIEF PARK RANGER THOMAS: Javier Soto.

CHIEF PARK RANGER THOMAS: Next group will be the Citizens on Patrol, and there's three here representing them. Let me tell you who's not here: Joe Benson, Martin Falcon, Richard Haston, and Tarron Broadway. Those that are here, led by the old dog of the group, would be Richard Okeson.

CHIEF PARK RANGER THOMAS: I only said that because he has to be driven around now by these two gals right here. I've known Richard for a long time. Adriana Acosta.

CHIEF PARK RANGER THOMAS: Raquel Espinoza.

CHIEF PARK RANGER THOMAS: Okay. We have the reserve deputies here. And we had the Sheriffs Explorers; however, none of those guys elected to show up because most of them -- some of them just got jobs, which is a good thing, I guess. So we'll give these to Chris
Stangle to pass on to them. They were Carlos Cortez, Morgan Braler, Kyle Maza, Tanner Roloff, Daniel Sartori, and Isaac Yanez. I'll have Chris give those to them.
 DIRECTOR SWANSON: And with our thanks, please.
 CHIEF PARK RANGER THOMAS: What's that?
 DIRECTOR SWANSON: With our thanks.
 CHIEF PARK RANGER THOMAS: Yes.
 MR. STANGLE: I'll hand out the cash.
 CHIEF PARK RANGER THOMAS: He always wants money. Okay. These guys help us all the time. And all we have to do is ask. And sometimes we don't even have to ask and they help us. And we absolutely couldn't function without them. And they've been around for years, and we hope to see them around for a lot longer. There's one that's not here, Art Osborne. Art had some health issues, but we're going take care of Art too. We'll pass this on to him. Greg Lugo.
 CHIEF PARK RANGER THOMAS: Chris Stangle.
 MR. WOODS: Next we have our Park Supervisor Brad Cook.
 MR. WOODS: Okay. Then Tim Glass will continue with Hesperia Days. Sorry.
 MR. GLASS: Okay. All right.
 MR. WOODS: You guys gave him too many certificates. I didn't know what to do with it.
 MR. GLASS: The Hesperia Days 5K was this year, and we had 1,696 registered participants, close to 1,700. It keeps growing a little bit. Family event. And from the people that walk out of the sidewalks, we think we had probably around 1,800. And I know it keeps growing because now I'm walking down Main Street trying to get people over because it's taking the walkers so long to get around with the strollers. We got the runners coming back by the time -- anyway, just a wonderful family event. It was awesome. We had 12 sponsors this year and couldn't have done it without them. So the one sponsor that is here -- two -- a couple of them that are here -- we had a few RSVPs, but the other ones don't seem to be here. The first one is the Regional Manager for Local Public Affairs for Southern California Edison, and that's Julie Gilbert.
 MR. GLASS: Got one more here. The other one is Kevin Mahany, who is with Healthy Hesperia, but he's also with St. Joseph Health St. Mary. And Kevin has been with us pretty much since the start, since I've come on. And he does us an honor, just a great -- I say it every year, but I want to say it again. He's just a great ambassador. He really talks up our event and just a wonderful man. And he runs in it every year -- almost every year -- just missed it one year, one time -- and he wears the shirt every night. So if you're keeping score of the different colors, the color we gave this year, the royal blue this year -- and so Kevin Mahany -- and he's going to get a couple because one's for the CEO of St. Mary's, and then one is for Kevin. So Kevin, come on up.
 DIRECTOR SWANSON: How many shirts do you have?
 MR. MAHANY: Oh, I've got several.
 MR. GLASS: Every year.
 DIRECTOR SWANSON: You could make a quilt out of them.
 MR. STANGLE: He should pick the color next year.
 MR. WOODS: He should be on the shirt next year.
 MR. GLASS: That's doable.
 DIRECTOR SWANSON: Isn't that him in the middle?
MR. GLASS: Yeah, that's him on the middle of the front shirt. That's Kevin running.
MR. MAHANY: Yeah, I can't do the skating.
MR. GLASS: And the other thing I'd like to do is I'd like to recognize verbally for the record the other 10 sponsors. There was Lloyd Pober, the owner of Tennis and Trophy World; Stripes R Us, Clinton Gene Allen; Inland Empire Health Plan, Lucia Hincapie; Beverly Williams, Advance Disposal; Del Taco -- the one down there by the Walmart Supercenter -- Barbara William, the manager; Spray Doctor, Marcos Robson; Highland Commercial Roofing, Brian Clark, Sr.; John Shy with Walmart Supercenter; Michael Sole with Meiko America, a container company -- he's vice president of that; and Apex Rentals, one of the owners, Ryan Leis. So thank you.
MR. WOODS: Now we're going transition to some employees that have reached their five years of service. Tim has an employee here this evening.
MR. GLASS: I'm recognizing five years of service, Sarah Hauser. Sarah has just been a real blessing. She's played sports her whole life, traveled, and she understands -- and you cannot even begin to mentor all the different things that come with sports of just the scheduling, the time in between games, the flow of parents coming and going, what time, ages, and all those different things. She's just been a fantastic addition to our District so much so that the sports has really increased causing me more work so I'll probably fire her. It's too much work for me -- no, I'm just kidding.
MR. GLASS: But it has also increased because of -- a lot to do with Lindsay Woods as well. You know, he allows us to make sure we do it and do things right, and we try real hard to do that. And with that, our sports are just growing. And we're thankful for that. So I just want to honor Sarah Hauser.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: No, you can't have a cup too. You haven't been here five years.
MR. STANGLE: I'll steal it later. I mean, I'll reallocate it later. We know where she's at.
MR. COOK: I'd like to recognize Jose Rodriguez. Jose has been with us five years now. Jose, we appreciate all of your hard work, all of your attention to detail that you do out there. So thank you very much.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: What about the other three?
MR. WOODS: They're not here this evening.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Well, don't let them think those are left over.
MR. WOODS: Sure. Brad, the other three employees are yours, right?
MR. COOK: Yep.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So they'll come back, or you're just going to announce --
MR. WOODS: He'll present them at a staff meeting or --
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Who are they?
MR. COOK: It was Javier Llerenas, Craig Rice, and Marshal Thomas.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Great.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Okay. We're going to take a few minutes' break for everyone to enjoy their awards and their certificates and chat for a few minutes. You don't have to stay for the rest of our meeting, but you're welcome --
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: We're going to talk about the well at the Lake, if you want --
DIRECTOR SWANSON: So we're going to give you a little recess.
MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC/PUBLIC COMMENT

DIRECTOR SWANSON: I'm going to call us back into session at 7:25. And I'm going to start with our Message to the Public about public comments. This is the part where I get to read out loud. Welcome to this Board of Directors Meeting. The Board encourages public participation. If you desire to address the Board on any subject, please fill out one of the yellow speaker forms in the back of the room and turn it into our General Manager Mr. Woods. When called upon, please come forward, state your name before addressing the Board, and limit your comments to five minutes per speaker. Please note that if you address the Board on items not on the Agenda, the Brown Act does not allow discussion of such items. Therefore, the Board may only do the following: refer the matter to staff, ask for additional information, request a report back, or give a very limited factual response. The following items -- oh, do we have any cards this evening?

MR. WOODS: We do not have any cards, but I did receive a phone call this afternoon from Mr. Smith, who wished to congratulate the Board on the recent elections; and he asked that I pass that along to the Board, so I'm doing so.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Mr. Smith? Smitty?

MR. WOODS: Yes, Smitty Smith.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Oh, very good. Well, if you speak to him again, which I'm sure you will, but --

MR. WOODS: He wanted to be here, but he had a family matter that he had to attend to.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Well, we'll keep him in our thoughts for that.

MR. WOODS: All right.

CONSENT ITEMS

DIRECTOR SWANSON: The following items are expected to be routine and noncontroversial, and will be acted upon by the Board at one time without discussion unless a Board member requests that an item be held under -- for discussion under Discussion Items. Are there any items that you would like to pull?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I already gave it to Shiella, the one I wanted to --

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Okay. Mr. Chandler, anything?

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: No.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Okay.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I'll move that we pass the consent calendar.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Second.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Okay. All in favor? Aye.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Aye.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Aye.

MS. MILLER: The motion to accept the Consent Items was made by Director Limbaugh, and the second was made by Director Chandler. Director Limbaugh, Director Swanson, and Director Chandler all voted yes. Director Gregg and Director Cowan are absent.
A. Approved Minutes for the Board Meeting, October 15, 2014.
B. Approval or Denial of Claims
C. Authorization to advertise for bids: None

ACTION/MOTION: It was moved by Director Limbaugh, seconded by Director Chandler and carried unanimously to approve Consent Items A through C by the following vote:

Ayes: Limbaugh, Swanson, Chandler
Noes: None
Absent: Gregg, Cowan
Abstain: None

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

None.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

D. Consider Award of Bid #2014-10-1 Hesperia Lake Irrigation Well.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Okay. And before us we have the "Consider Award of Bid #2014-10-1 Hesperia Lake Irrigation Well." Is there anything you would like to highlight in this proposal, Mr. Woods?

MR. WOODS: The amount of the bid was a little surprising and --

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Yeah.

MR. WOODS: And my recommendation would be that the Board consider Option A, and that we reject the bid and authorize me to go out and rebid the same project with a longer time frame.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I move that we reject the bid.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Second.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Okay. Discussion.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I -- if we can talk about it a little bit.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Sure.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I was also shocked, and I -- so I called Lindsay and I talked to him about this, you know, since my illustrious experience with the water agency over there. Get together with them, see -- see what went wrong. Lindsay explained to me that they were the only bidder.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Yes.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And so we can throw it out, but -- it shouldn't be more than $300,000 for everything. This bid doesn't --

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Including the pump and the motor?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yeah.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Because this doesn't include the pump and the motor; is that correct?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yeah. Yes.

MR. WOODS: That's correct.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So anyway, that -- it was almost a half a million dollars. That's a lot. For an 8-inch well. And if you're familiar with where it's going to go, you could probably get a shovel and a pick and dig a hole and get water, which we may end up doing, right?
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Yeah, I would think that --
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Do you know why that's confidential? Because well locations and stuff, it's confidential in the County of San Bernardino --
DIRECTOR SWANSON: I --
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: -- because it has proprietary well information, where it's at, what it does, stuff like that. So if somebody wanted to go and dump acid down one, they can find it. Anyway, that's what that's about.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Okay. I'm going to pull that. We have a motion and a second. And I'll call for the vote.
DIRECTOR CHANDLER: I -- I'd like to make a comment too, though --
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I have one other thing too. It's not 100 percent urgent right now, but in the long run, if we don't replace that well, it will cost us a lot of money to keep the Lake with water. Because we'll have to basically use water you can drink -- well, we do anyway, but I mean -- and we'd have to pay the City for like keeping your faucet on all day long.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Right. And --
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: It's not going to be cheap, so we do have time --
DIRECTOR SWANSON: But we can do better than this and --
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yeah. We think. We hope.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: -- if Mr. Woods feels -- I hope I'm not speaking for you, but my impression was that you felt we could do much better than this. And I need to see costs for -- inclusive of the pump and the motor as well because this, first of all, frightened me; and second of all, just without those two essential items, I'm not sure that this is really the kind of bid I'm looking for to give me the full information.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Well, when you're the only bidder, you can do what you want. There's no competition.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Yeah.
MR. WOODS: If we go back out with the same project -- it is kind of like a designed build, and that's based on the City Water Department's recommendation that we spec what size well we want. But the well driller has to determine what pump and the production.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Oh, okay.
MR. WOODS: So they will be bidding it in two separate -- as two separate items.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Well, they do and they don't. We know what we want, and we know what it can produce. I mean, there's plenty of wells over by that location that are active right now that we know what they can and can't do. So get, you know --
MR. WOODS: I'll get together with --
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: -- so we will optimize our opportunity to get the bidder to give us a good bid rather than whatever he wants.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Okay.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So in other words, if we don't get it, we'll just keep trying.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Yes, I agree.
DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Just as a point of interest, when I talked to you, Lindsay, you also mentioned something to me, and that was that a lot of these well-drilling companies are very
busy because of the drought. And they have a backlog of other wells; they want them sunk deeper, so they're very, very busy. Even if we get a contract approved, it still may take a little bit longer to get done because of that because we'll be on a list.

MR. WOODS: And we had a very tight window on this bid and it's apparent that no one was able to meet that time. So now we'll broaden the window and see how quickly we can get it done.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Sounds good.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: All right. So our direction? We have a motion and a second. And all in favor of rejecting this bid and directing our superintendent to go out -- or General Manager to go out for more.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Aye.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Aye.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Yes.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Okay. And now I call --

MS. MILLER: Oh, I need to read the --

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Oh, I'm sorry. Willow's turn.

MS. MILLER: The motion to reject Bid No. 2014-10-1 Hesperia Lake Irrigation Well was made by -- oh, and to direct the General Manager to go out for more bids -- was made by Director Limbaugh, and the second was made by Director Chandler. Director Limbaugh, Director Swanson, and Director Chandler all voted yes. Director Gregg and Director Cowan are absent.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Very good.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Limbaugh, seconded by Director Chandler to reject Bid #2014-10-1 and direct the General Manager to go out for more bids by the following vote:

**AYES:** Limbaugh, Swanson, Chandler

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Gregg, Cowan

**ABSTAIN:** None

E. **2014 Year End Review.**

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Now it's time for the show.

MR. WOODS: Show-and-tell time. So we're going to do our year-end review even though we're not quite at year-end. So here we go. It's -- I'm always amazed when I go to put this slide presentation together how much we actually accomplished in the year, so -- Why did it go black?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Power went off.

MR. WOODS: All right. Here we go. So our 2014 year-end review. For marketing this year, the District was still aggressive in promoting our Parks Make Life Better campaign. We did T-shirts, and we made sure that the Parks Make Life Better logo was on all of our print materials that get distributed throughout the community. And the Parks Makes Life Better program and marketing materials have been very well received by the community. And our Julie Gilbert from SCE even has a Parks Makes Life Better T-shirt --
MS. GILBERT: I'll wear it next time.

MR. WOODS: I was disappointed that she wasn't wearing it tonight. She'll make it up and wear it to the Chamber Coffee on Friday morning. And we expanded the District social media presence. We -- our Facebook fans increased by 22 percent; our Twitter was up 47 percent; our Pinterest increased by 40 percent; and we added Instagram in 2014. We increased our rec mail program. Subscribers increased by 29 percent. Our golf email list increased by 10 percent. We maintained increased interaction with the Hesperia Chamber of Commerce. And we participated in the following expos: a bridal show in January, the Women's Expo in March, the Bridal Fair in August, and recently, High Desert Opportunity in October.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: We're going to need a committee for that bridal fair. It's becoming big.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Mr. Limbaugh wants to head that one.

MR. WOODS: It's very big, and that is a good venue for us to promote the rental facilities that we have available for wedding receptions and social functions. And this is a picture of what our typical booth looks like. It does vary somewhat depending on what type event that we're at. We received free advertising from KBFG radio station. It was about $8,000 value in free advertisement on the radio. Our website visits increased by 31 percent. Established strong working relationships with the media. And Mr. Gary Brodeur is here and is a fine representative of that group, how having strong working relationships with the media helps our agency. We've had a number of really positive articles in this month's Board packet, as well as on a regular basis in the Daily Press and from the Hesperia Star. So we want to thank him again for that. We had our promotional ads at -- before the Movies in the Park. We increased the use of our postcard-sized marketing materials, which helps us to be a little bit greener because we're reducing the size of paper that we're putting out and we're getting a lot more bang for our buck. And people are giving us really positive feedback that it's much easier to deal with that than it is an 8-and-a-half-by-11 because the 8-and-a-half-by-11s get folded up and put in pockets and they tend to go through the wash. So these are very helpful.

We added the Recreation Minute to the Friday Chamber Coffee. Every Friday morning that I'm able to make it, the Chamber gives us an opportunity to highlight some of the recreational opportunities or recreational happenings that happen in Hesperia every Friday morning. We get a lot of positive feedback from the Chamber on that. The -- I was able to make a presentation. This was the first year that we were able to do this, but the City of Hesperia does their Citizen's Academy. And we were able to participate and share with the Citizen's Academy, which President Swanson was a part of that group this year, on what the Park District does. And that helps residents understand that we're not part of the City of Hesperia -- we're a separate government entity -- and understand how we function as opposed to some of the services that the City provides to our residents. I was also asked to be a guest speaker at the Chamber of Commerce at one of their luncheons. There was about 120 people there, and I gave an overview again of the District and what we provide in the community.

Any questions about any of the marketing information that I went through?

Moving on to events -- Mr. Limbaugh always loves it when I give PowerPoint presentations. Kids Fishing Clinic -- don't fall asleep on me -- Kids Fishing Clinic that happens in April of every year. And we partner with the Hesperia Kiwanis Club. This last year our supervisor Don Webb did a very good job with getting a number of other partners that came alongside. We had -- L.A. Rod and Reel Club came up and helped. We had donations from a variety of
different organizations throughout the Inland Empire as well as down in the L.A. Basin. So it's just a great time. It's always amazing to me that -- how many people don't know how to fish, have never had that opportunity to fish. We've got dads out there that are trying to teach their kids how to fish and the dads don't know how to fish. So even though it's called a kids fishing clinic, it should be a --

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Family.

MR. WOODS: -- family fishing clinic because it ends up being a family affair when the parents are trying to get the reels un-backlashed, what to do with the fish when they actually catch it. It's just a good time, and you can tell by those smiling faces. We had our Cars and Cures event, and that is when we had the car show and the Relay for Life, which is a 24-hour event over at Civic Plaza Park. And it continues to grow each and every year. We're looking forward to working with them again. They've been setting records locally for the amount of money that they've -- the American Cancer Society's been raising at this event every year. We also had the No Drugs America. Director Swanson was up making a presentation to Frank and congratulating him on such a successful event. And their big tag line is -- do you remember?

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Oh, goodness. Frank made us say it so many times. Don't --

THE REPORTER: We don't need --

DIRECTOR SWANSON: We don't need drugs.

MR. WOODS: We don't need no drugs, or something. It was great, but they --

DIRECTOR SWANSON: It wasn't quite that.

MR. WOODS: While they had the kids captive as an audience -- because they're getting ready to give out bikes -- they were able to talk to the kids and the parents about drug and alcohol abuse and some of the side effects of that, and try to encourage them to live an alcohol- and drug-free life. So a great event for our children and the community. Our annual Safety Fair is held in May. I believe this next year they're going to be pushing that back until the fall time, but good attendance out. That's where our fire, police, and helicopters all descend on Civic Plaza Park and share what services they provide to our community. We had our 2nd Annual Pet Walk, and it was -- the attendance was probably double or triple what it was the first year. I expect that it will continue to grow as we move forward in future years.

Our ever popular Movies in the Park, we were able to actually get -- Frozen was our lead movie this year, I believe, and we were able to get this picture at the Movies in the Park. We had really good participation numbers. Anywhere from 800 to 1,200 people were attending those Movies in the Park. It is a very good event because it's a free event to the community, and people -- families are able to come out in these tough economic times and spend time together and get to go to the movies for free, Don was also very successful in obtaining Desert Valley Medical Group as a sponsor, and they donated $8,500 towards this program. So we just recently -- I think it just came out in the Star today that we recently made a presentation to their CEO over at Desert Valley Medical Group to thank them for their support. And they look like they're on board again for next year.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Oh, great. Great news.

MR. WOODS: Our National Night Out event, which is held out at the Target Center in August, where the community gets out one evening and comes together and says that they're going to bond and come together and let people know that we're a united community. So that's a good event for us to participate in. This was the first year that we had the Desert
Rocks Film and Music Festival. Very successful. It was held in September over at Civic Plaza Park, and we were able to also use the theater to show -- screen some of the films. And they had bands out in the park. The organizers of the event were very pleased with the attendance and the support from the community. Hesperia Days, just seems like it was just yesterday, but a lot of activity on Hesperia Days; the parade, the 5K run, all the festivities down at the Lake, the equestrian activities, fireworks -- just a great weekend for the community to come together and celebrate what Hesperia is about. There's some more photos. We're very thankful that the wind was cooperative this year and we were able to shoot off our fireworks. And we just had our Hot Rod Halloween event at Civic Plaza Park, and here's some photos from this year's event. Yesterday we just celebrated Veterans Day down at Hesperia Lake Park.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: And it's already in your PowerPoint? I'm so impressed.

MR. WOODS: Planning. The gentleman on the right is Larry Thompson, and he is very instrumental in bringing this event together with the AMVETS each and every year. We also got a lot of support from Fort Irwin. They brought somebody out, and they were the guest speaker. They did a 21-gun salute for us. They also had someone come and lead us in our songs. So again, another great community partnership.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: How about Fort Irwin? Remember they were here year before last and said anything we -- they have a lot of people that work out of Fort Irwin and they're also stationed there that live in Hesperia. You know, every morning if you're on I-15, you see what happens when you're going out towards Fort Irwin Road there? But there's military people that live in Hesperia, lots of them. And they said they would help -- you just let them know and they'll bring resources.

MR. WOODS: The problem sometimes with the military is they have changeover. And since that time, they've had changeover. So it's a continual going out and touching new people and making those contacts so that we can maintain --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Maybe they have a well-drilling machine.

MR. WOODS: I can check.

MR. WOODS: And right here in the picture is Bob Chandler, who does the dove release. And I thought this is a really great photo because he's got the dove in flight.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Is that you, Bob, with that animal hat on?

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Yeah. I'd like to get a copy of that.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: That's a great shot.

MR. WOODS: And it's always great when the doves cooperate and do what they're supposed to do. Bob was successful again this year. And our upcoming event is -- our Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony is on December 4th, at Civic Plaza at 4:30. Operationally, we conducted the Hesperia Lake Financial Overview Report, and it was provided to the Board. We enhanced employee contact by -- we have a staff update -- emails that go out -- and also an employee comment email that employees, if they have a comment, that maybe they need some help with, they can forward that, and that comes directly to me. I review those and work with them to get any issues resolved or suggestions handled. We had our transition to the retirement of long-time employee Rachel Thomas. It's hard to get a picture of Rachel where she's happy, but she was very happy at her retirement. Not that she's an unhappy person. She just doesn't have a lot of photos where she's having a good time.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I put a piece of ice behind her back. That's why she's laughing.
MR. WOODS: Is that what you were doing, Mike? So that was a fun event. And we also celebrated that out at the Hesperia Days Staff Barbecue. We reduced the Hesperia Golf and Country Club expenses, and we introduced the landscape standards and specification book that the Board adopted last month.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Very efficient. Good work.

MR. WOODS: That one should not be in there because we did that the year before. Sorry. Services and support agreement with the HARD Foundation. Internet access at the Hesperia Lake store. Financial review of the Hesperia Golf and Country Club operations, and that was done by the auditors.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: By the auditors, right?

MR. WOODS: Yes. And we reduced our publication printing costs by 10 percent by switching to Hesperia Unified School District's print shop, which not only saves us money, but keeps our money here local and supports another agency.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: And the quality was much superior.

MR. WOODS: The quality improved greatly.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Yes, excellent quality.

MR. WOODS: Facilities. We did some improvements at the September 11th monument site. We added some benches and some additional concrete. We did our -- and that is at Hesperia Lake Park. The Malibu Park acquisition, where that was transferred into our name and title. We did the Percy Bakker Center renovations on the south room. We did new flooring at the John Swisher Community Center, which is also at Hesperia Lake. We did the Hesperia Lake Memorial area improvements with lighting of the flag pole and the benches again at the 9/11 site. We resurfaced the basketball and tennis courts here at Lime Streets, and we added pickleball lines. And we've done a number of things this year that surprised me. The addition with the dog park -- there's been people out utilizing the dog park almost every day. The skateboard park, even though it wasn't this year, you always see people out there. Ever since we put the pickleball lines out on the tennis courts, we see probably an equal amount of pickleball players as we do the tennis players. So it's interesting. And it wasn't that expensive for us to add that in. At Park Center, which is over off of I Avenue, we reroofed the facility. All of our commercial properties are rented, which that is a great thing for us because that's an additional revenue stream for the District, which contributes about 4 to 6 percent of our overall budget. The dog park was opened here at Lime Street. We resurfaced parking lots at Percy Bakker Center, Palm Street Park, Hesperia Community Park. One project that we haven't talked a lot about, but has been going on and -- we get regular inquiries from Eagle Scouts that have their Eagle Scout projects that they want to do. And one of the boys came in and I met with him, and we talked about developing a scout camp down in a remote area at Hesperia Lake Park. And they have built a bridge that goes across the stream, and they've started developing a camp, a remote campsite out there at the facility. So --

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Oh, great news.

MR. WOODS: -- each new Eagle Scout that comes in can opt to participate in this program. And when they're done, they'll be able to say that they had a hand in that. But they're also building a facility that other boy scouts will be able to utilize for years to come. So I look forward -- I'm hoping that maybe this next year we'll be able to have some type of dedication or ceremony down there. Other items, we received some awards for some of our people, our volunteers. We had the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts Outstanding
Volunteer Award for Steven Wierzbinski and Greg Lugo, who was here earlier tonight. And they also were recognized for the California Park and Recreation Society Layman of the Year. So they received double honors, and we're very proud of the services that they provide to us. Steven is a volunteer at the Golf Course, and Greg Lugo I think has been at every community event that we've needed some type of law enforcement assistance for the past 20 years.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: He's been great.

MR. WOODS: So he's a fixture around here. I wasn't sure if I'd ever see this come to pass, but we were able to get the operation and license agreement for the Hesperia Golf and Country Club, and with the past year's credit built into it. We did an energy-use reduction survey. We're doing the LED lighting trial. And we did an SCE retrofit program here at Lime Street and also at the Epicentre. Ms. Abreo, in her quest to have solid documents for the auditors, has developed and implemented the time study process for accounting for the Hesperia Lake, Hesperia Golf Course, and the After School Activities Program. We last month approved the Community Recreation and Joint Use Agreement with Hesperia Unified School District, which is a 20-year agreement, for us to be able to use some of the field space at six of the schools. Thank you very much, Mr. Swanson and your fellow board members for working with us, but we're really excited about that because instead of having six or seven different agreements, we now have one agreement that will be in place for some time. And it has a 10-year extension on it. "SCE Encroachment Agreement and Related Work out at Maple Park." Had a little encroachment issue with Edison, and we -- through a number of meetings, we were able to come to an agreement and deal with some of related issues out there on the site. We had to do some grounding of some fences and things that were close to the power line so that if a power line did come down, that it would not energize the fence. The Mormon Helping Hands Service Day. They came out and worked at a number of our facilities that -- we had probably 50, 60 out at Hesperia Golf Course doing a variety of things, and then they also were at Hesperia Lake, Lime Street Park, and a number of other facilities doing maintenance that our staff doesn't always have time to get to. So we greatly appreciate their community support. We hosted the ASBCSD, which is the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts, dinner. We did that in January. And we were able to have our local police chief speak to the group and talk to them about why law enforcement is important to all of our communities. We implemented the new Park Watch Program that is up and out and encouraging our residents to report suspicious activity to our park rangers. We revised and updated our caretaker agreements. The rangers got their Tasers. We got new golf carts and fairway mower at the Golf Course.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Do you want a Taser? Do you need a Taser out there?

MR. WOODS: For the squirrels.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: That will make them play faster.

MR. WOODS: And we entered into an MOU with -- regarding the detention basins with the City of Hesperia that outlines what their responsibilities and what the District's responsibilities are in relation to the detention basins. And our vice president Director Limbaugh was reelected to the California Association of Recreation and Park District Board.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: There's a highlight, yeah.

MR. WOODS: It is because you represent us, and we're well known because of your representation. I was able to be reappointed to the California Association of Park and Recreation Insurance Board.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: How come your name's not up there?
DIRECTOR SWANSON: He just told you.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Oh, okay.

MR. WOODS: And we complied with the City of Hesperia's drought restrictions that greatly reduce our watering windows and some other adjustments that staff had to do so that we could be drought-compliant here in Hesperia. So as you can see, in 2014, we made life better. And here is a shot of all of our staff when we got together for a District-wide staff meeting. And here are some photos of some of the great things that we do: pickleball, youth football, baseball, aerobics, volleyball, and tennis. Here's a great shot of the 5K run before it started. One of the great things about the 5K run is the shirts because those are shirts -- those shirts, you see them everywhere in town. Everybody -- I mean, they're helping us spread our brand and our message to the community. So that's been a really good thing that the District's done every year. And this little guy is playing football, and he is evidently getting ready to score and he is very excited about it. But that's what brings us back to work every day, seeing the smiling faces on the kids and their families. So that concludes my PowerPoint. Are there any questions or comments that the Board may have?
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: What's the -- did you mention about the cell tower agreements that we finalized this year? Was that in there?
MR. WOODS: I don't believe that I highlighted that. So this past year we also worked with a cell tower company to add a cell tower at Palm Street Park, which will generate us about $2,200 a month for 20-plus years.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And we continued into the second year -- we finished the first year of the ASAP program, which was successful at the schools that we had attendance. Very successful actually.
MR. WOODS: This was the second year that we were back running the After School Activities Program at a number of the School District sites. We're not able to have it at every School District site, but where there is a need, we've been able to keep those sites open, so -- And again, thank you because that's a partnership with the School District --
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And we just got -- for those that don't know, we run the Golf Course, and what we don't make, the City liquidates our debt for what we owe them for Civic Plaza. And -- when was it? -- in the last month, we got the thing from the City giving us credit for $313,000, which is off the books. So that's good, huh, Shiella? The auditors will like that very, very much. The funny thing about that money, though, for those who don't know, it is redevelopment money. And that's still kind of a -- nobody says anything in Sacramento about what's going to happen, so -- because it's -- they just stopped it.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Right.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And -- like, all the money was just spent and people owe stuff -- and I think they made a few cooperative agreements about that type of funding with some of the municipalities because it got kind of serious. So rather than go to litigation, they made some -- like four or five exceptions. But they haven't done it statewide, and I don't know what they're going to do. But anyway, he just got reelected, so -- he's 76. He'll be 80 at the end of his term.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: He's speaking of the governor.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Thank you, Lindsay.
DIRECTOR CHANDLER: I wanted to mention something too. You covered some major events that we’re involved in -- we take part in, or whatever -- and you know, you kind of skipped over the thousands of people that we serve every month. It's amazing when we look through our Board packets how many people we actually serve in this park district every month. It's astounding. And through different programs and different events going on. So I just wanted to bring that up. It's not just about the event that you saw on the screen up there. It's an everyday thing that our staff work so hard to provide --

DIRECTOR SWANSON: That's true.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: -- for the community out there and it's just awesome.

MR. WOODS: And partnerships with Hesperia American Little League and the services that they provide. You guys are servicing 400 or 500 kids this season?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, 480 since the -- hopefully more.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Amazing. Amazing. It really is. And parks do make life better.

MR. WOODS: Yes, they do. Help us spread the word.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. ASBCSD November 17, 2014 Meeting Flyer
2. Thank you note from Hesperia Chamber of Commerce’s Derby Committee.
3. Email dated October 26, 2014 from a resident thanking the District for the Dog Park.
4. Letter from the City of Hesperia dated October 15, 2014 that included an updated invoice for Civic Plaza Park Reimbursement Agreement.
5. Newspaper article, Hesperia Ressorter, October 9, 2014, “Hot Rod Halloween”.
15. Newspaper article, Hesperia Star, October 28, 2014, “Dog days are here Hesperia’s first dog park officially opens at Lime Street Park”.
18. Newspaper article, Western Outdoor News, October 31, 2014, “Hesperia Lake knows how to bridge the gap from catfish to trout”.

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DIRECTOR SWANSON: Our next item is Correspondence and Written Communications. Is there anything you would like to highlight in here? 
MR. WOODS: There were a couple of things. 
DIRECTOR SWANSON: There's some great articles in here about the dog park and movie nights. 
MR. WOODS: There was -- I think the second one back and -- the third item back was forwarded from the City. And they received an email via the internet. "There are no words good enough to say thanks for our amazing, beautiful, wonderful dog park. OMG, you did it. Kudos to all who helped to build this amazing place. You have restored my faith." So it's just the little things. We did get the letter from the Civic Plaza Park Reimbursement Agreement. And then we also have the invitation for the ASBCSD dinner, and that will be here locally in Victorville. Willow's got the information because I don't have my finger on it. 
MS. MILLER: Mojave Water Agency is the host. 
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I'm not going. 
MS. MILLER: And it's going to be November 17th, at the Hilton Garden Inn. And I need to know -- 
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: It'll probably be good. They have lots of money, so it will probably be steak, not Hamburger Helper. 
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Would you like to attend Mr. Limbaugh? 
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: No. I'll heckle. I'm not going to speak. 
MS. WILLOW: I think they already have a speaker. 
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I'm sure they do. 
MR. WOODS: There are just a lot of positive newspaper articles on what the District's doing in the community. We received from the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors a certificate of recognition, which was awarded to the Dog Park at Lime Street Park on behalf of the County of San Bernardino in Recognition of the Ribbon-Cutting Celebration for the Dog Park at Lime Street, Hesperia. "Special appreciation for your commitment to the residents of the first district and their dogs by offering a beautiful and safe place for them to play. Congratulations, Robert Lovingood." And we also received one from the City of Hesperia, which was a certificate of recognition presented to Hesperia Recreation and Park District on the Occasion of the Grand Opening of your New Dog Park at Lime Street Park. "The City Council hereby congratulates you on your grand opening and for all the new dog experiences for our four-legged friends." 
DIRECTOR SWANSON: That's great. 
MR. WOODS: And that's all I have for correspondence. 

STAFF REPORTS

Recreation Programs
Golf Course
Parks Division
Park Ranger
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Okay. Staff Reports. Anything you would like to highlight for us?
MR. WOODS: Is there any question on Staff Reports?
DIRECTOR CHANDLER: No.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: No, not from me. Mr. Limbaugh?
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I just have one question. I thank Steve -- he puts together those reports for the ASAP program, but for me, I think I only need the summary sheet. Individual campuses are nice, but if you --
DIRECTOR CHANDLER: I would agree with him.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: I would agree with that as well.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Eliminate those 10 pages or 11 pages for each individual -- so that he keeps them. But I think if any one he wants to point out to us during the course of running that program, then I think, you know, include that one so we can talk about it because it's an anomaly. But rest of them, just indicate that on the summary sheet because it looks like it's going like it was last year.
MR. WOODS: That's Ms. Abreo who does that.
MS. ABREO: So you are talking about the financial reports? I thought he was talking about something --
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: The blue -- the white ones.
MS. ABREO: Okay. So you're okay with the summary in there. Okay.
DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Just the summary. I think the program's been in play long enough that we get the idea and everything's moving along.
MS. ABREO: Uh-huh.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Does Don -- he does these, right?
MR. WOODS: Don does the spreadsheet --
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yeah, he's got it down -- he's got it down pretty good now. Willow, you help him do that?
MR. WOODS: Willow helps. A great deal. She helps all of us.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So if you see a number that looks weird, you fix it, right?
MS. MILLER: I try to.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: 42,000 people playing basketball doesn't look too good –

SPECIAL REPORTS

General Manager Reports

MR. WOODS: Are you ready for the General Manager's Report?
DIRECTOR SWANSON: We are. I am.
MR. WOODS: Just like to highlight some of the businesses that supported the fireworks by making donations: Golden State Ford Company; Percy Bakker, who's our Foundation Board president; All American Fence Erectors; Pasco's Pizza; CPI Capital; East West Bank, which is DCB; and High Desert Lock and Safe all supported. And of course, the City of Hesperia is a major contributor to that event, and we just thank them. We've taken a couple of articles out, and we also will have a thank-you in the upcoming publication that goes out to the community.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Mr. Woods, I believe that you donated as well. Thank you for doing that.
MR. WOODS: You're welcome. Let's see. We talked about the dog park, and we have American Little League here this evening, and last month they came. And I'm going to spend some time with them after the meeting. They have a few concerns to talk about, and I am happy to report that one of their concerns has already been addressed, am I correct? Kelly Field has been rearranged?
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, that one area.
MR. WOODS: Mr. Glass was able to negotiate between the two Little League groups in town, and now all of their practices and games are here at Lime Street, and the others are at HCP or Live Oak. And I have a meeting with them maybe later this week -- unless you guys change it for the evening meeting -- to discuss some of the other items that they brought forth.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Great.
MR. WOODS: And just would like to remind the Board that the Annual Tree Lighting event is on Thursday, December 4th, at 4:30, and I would encourage you to arrive early. And please make sure that you find staff up by the stage and check in with them so we know that you're there.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Okay.
MR. WOODS: And parking is always a premium at that event, so get there early. And the Hesperia Chamber is having their Annual Christmas Mixer on Friday, December 12th, the information's here. So I need to know who's planning to attend that event this year on behalf of the Board.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Okay.
MR. WOODS: That concludes everything that I have.

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DIRECTOR SWANSON: All right. Very good. With no questions, we'll move on to the Board Member Reports. I'll report on the Recreation Foundation since Mr. Cowan is not with us. The notes are in the back of your binder. I reported on what we've done, but Mr. Dryley, who sits on our Foundation Board, has been keeping us apprised of Mr. McDonald's contribution to our City and the Park District with a display that's in our Hesperia Library currently. And there are some things displayed there, and some things at the Harrison Center that's on Main Street. And I reported on things that happened for us. And our Foundation Board President Percy Bakker said that he is impressed with -- the number of times the District is highlighted in the Daily Press is "AWESOME," all in caps, so Mr. Brodeur, thank you on his behalf. And --
MR. BRODEUR: It's just my news job.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: I know, but --
MR. WOODS: Hey, you do a good job. Keep it up.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: That's right. And our Harrison Exhibit Center, I think, gets more play and more visitation because of your attention to that. So thank you.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: What did you think about that thing today where they wrote – instead of having Victor Valley, they want to call it the Mojave River Valley because then that would include all of the municipalities, which in total are larger than – significantly larger than the City of Victorville?
MR. BRODEUR: I would like to not offer an opinion right now.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: But it was in the paper today. I forget who wrote it.
MR. WOODS: Is that a "no comment"?
MR. BRODEUR: No comment.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Jeez, you ask us for our comments and we're not even paid full-time.
DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Easy for you to say.
MR. BRODEUR: -- try to keep my opinion out of almost everything --
DIRECTOR SWANSON: As a good reporter should maintain.
MR. BRODEUR: Now, if I were an editor -- back in an editor's position, I might consider answering.

**Safety and Security – Chandler/Swanson**
No meeting held.

**Tri-Agency – Swanson/Chandler**
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Venturing your opinion. And the Tri-Agency met today, which is a program that our new Chamber President Brad said that of all of his experiences moving around with the Army and different municipalities, he has never seen such a great organization that highlights things that affect the city, a park district, and the school district, that all work together and all are in the same place discussing things that affect all of us in such a positive way. And I think it's why we're able to get so many things accomplished in our city is because we do work together and it is an exemplar for other municipalities to follow. He has not seen it. And I hope that once the word gets out that Tri-Agency is such a successful thing for our city, that perhaps other cities may take a leaf from our book and start having these meetings because it benefits everyone. All of our citizens just talking about the road closures and the things that are affecting the School District, and the things that the Park District has to bring, and the Chamber. It gives a great opportunity for us to coordinate all of our events. Mr. Woods spoke on the things that he has touched on this evening. And the City of Hesperia mentioned that their swearing-in for their City Council will be on December 2nd. And there are a bunch of closures coming up, so I'm sure they'll be in the press as well. The next major one will be the northbound lanes of the 15, and it will be closed to -- down to one lane from 9:00 to midnight, and then midnight to 6:00, there will be no lanes. They're going to have a diversion just northbound, and then later it will be southbound. But they'll report that at a later time. The fun -- there's a new Flame Broiler opening up, an O'Reilly's is opening, and Petco has indicated their desire to open up a new store by Walmart. There are two empty restaurants that have not been in use that will be opening in the next six months or so. The Whiskey Barrel has taken the place of the small -- or -- I'm sorry, not the small -- but the area -- it's like a triangular area close to the Carl's Jr on Maple and Oakwood. And the Desert Brewery has shown interest in the old Fuse building on Hesperia Road, so we're seeing some development in that area.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: You know, I went to a wedding where that Desert Brewery provided the beer, and it's really good. It makes really good beer.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Well, then, now you know where to go. It will be opening up in the next six months, I hope.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: It's was like -- what's the one -- like Sam Adams. It was of that caliber.
MS. MILLER: And it will be here in Hesperia.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Yeah. And we will be known for it. It will be good for us. There have been 20 homes that have been -- that papers have been pulled for since the 1st of July. And there are developments that are coming up near Maple and Mesquite by Frontier Homes. And there's also a grant that was received to build a pipeline, a $2 million grant that was received by the City to start a pipeline from -- that money came from the State. They're also applying for some additional monies to develop that. Hesperia High has had their 30th Anniversary and Homecoming. And the School District received $5,000 for their STEM programs from the Chamber, so they're supporting our kids. You know, it's just another example of how our agencies work together to support all of us. Sultana took the top three trophies in the best robotics competition in the country. And our robotics program is going down to elementary level, and it's kind of leading the way. So beer and robots. I think we're going to be known for beer and robots. Maybe not at the same time or at the same venue --
DIRECTOR SWANSON: There you go. The Caring Closet is an idea that was brought up at the School District. A lot of school employees contribute to it. What it does is provide warm clothing and regular school clothing for the kids. Anyone can contribute to The Caring Closet. And we've got a lot of kids that move up from down the hill. They don't know winter like Hesperia knows winter. And they come in these little jackets and little sweat shirts, and they need warm jackets. And it's supported by the School District employees, but also by some outside agencies like the We Care through the Kiwanis, and other organizations help with that. This really blew me away. We were -- Sultana received 2nd in the state championships with their music program, their band competition. Oak Hills came in 4th. So we had two in the top 10. And eight kids in the High Desert made it to the Rose Bowl. All of them were from Hesperia schools -- no, they weren't.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Rose Parade. Rose Parade.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: I'm sorry. Did I say Rose Bowl? The Rose Parade. Sorry. School Board Member.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We're the only school district up here that has representatives in the --
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Yeah, I was just so impressed. And one kid, only kid in the High Desert is going to the Macy’s parade for Thanksgiving. So, I mean, that's pretty tough to go through those auditions and practice with them. And I will conclude my report on that happy note.
DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Something you want to -- I'd like to mention about the Tri-Agency meetings, that we have Lindsay Woods, our General Manager, and the school Superintendent and the City Manager or -- yeah, City Manager -- and they work very hard to work with each other in a very compatible way. They really do. They spend a lot of effort in doing that. And I think that what it does, it lends to a continuity within the District that's at this time -- after so many years being on this Board, man, I don't think I've ever seen it so good. Really. There's different agencies trying hard to work with one other. So I want to thank Lindsay for his part in that. You're doing an excellent job at that.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Thank you.
MS. MILLER: Good job.
MR. WOODS: Thanks. It's only going to get better.

**Personnel Committee – Limbaugh/Chandler**
No meeting held.

**Audit Committee – Limbaugh/Gregg**
No meeting held.

### Ad Hoc Committees

- **Golf Course Ad Hoc Committee – Limbaugh/Swanson**
  No meeting held.
- **Civic Plaza Ad Hoc Committee – Limbaugh/Swanson**
  No meeting held.
- **Monument Ad Hoc Committee – Chandler/Swanson**
  No meeting held.

### Other Related Business

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Any comments on the meeting so far? Well, we have Other Related Business. I have envelopes for you. I need these back by November 28th.
DIRECTOR CHANDLER: And the winner is?
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Sounds like?
MR. WOODS: It's time for my annual review, which the Board conducts at every December meeting. So in the envelopes are your evaluations --
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Tickets to the Rose Bowl.
MR. WOODS: And you're probably really happy because -- for the last two years, Director Limbaugh was President of the Board and got to compile everyone's comments into one document.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Yes, thank you.
MR. WOODS: So if you can all fill those out and get these back to the Board President by the 28th, so that she can get that compiled in time for next month's Board meeting.
DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Is that date in here?
MR. WOODS: No. November 28th.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I just have a couple other related business. Can I --
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Sure. This will be the time.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Since we have a new State representative -- there wasn't that many elected. And amazing statistic across the country: people said, you know, like, it was an election -- this last election was about getting rid of the incumbents. 1,004 state legislator seats ran unopposed against the incumbent this year across the country. 1,004 elected representatives for state legislatures ran unopposed as the incumbent. Over a thousand already won without having to spend a dime. And so, you know, that's -- if you hear about the incumbents need to be out, that's kind of -- they're lying to you. And anyway, believe it or not, there's a lot of good smart people that aren't necessarily politicians, but are involved in politics. And sometimes the term limitations in California has made problems for our state.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: I agree with that.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I believe one of the reasons we have problems with water is through term limitations. They had a couple really good state legislators in the Central Valley that turned out when they had that. Mercado was one of them and --
DIRECTOR SWANSON: And with that went all of that collective knowledge and information
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Because they have the knowledge of the water. It's not something you just learn overnight.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Very complicated.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Anyway, we need to meet with Mr. Obernolte.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Jay.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And possibly the whole Board should meet with him in his office here in the High Desert. Or if it's in San Bernardino, we should arrange to go down there. It's really important that he knows who we are. A lot of elected officials in California don't know what special districts are even though there's over 4,000 special districts, the largest of them being the water agencies. Metropolitan Water District is a special district unto itself. Anyway -- and the largest park district in the country is East Bay Regional Park, which has an annual budget of almost a billion dollars in the Bay Area. And they're pretty big potatoes. So special districts are very important in California. The other thing is, there was a bill, AB something -- I don't remember the exact numbers -- that was put on the wait list for a park bond. And it's not only for parks, but it's for a lot of other things. I think the last park bond we had -- and correct me if I'm wrong, Lindsay -- was about 6 years ago.
MR. WOODS: Yeah.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: It's only for a couple billion, so don't worry. But the guy who did the bill, Senator --
MR. WOODS: De Leon.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: De Leon is now the Speaker of the House. And they're thinking that it's going go in 2016. So the more that we can communicate to our elected officials that that's a big deal for us -- especially if they do a pro rata distribution of the funds in the bond, which means less competition in grant funding, so therefore everybody gets a chunk of the apple, including cities who run parks. Like Victorville has their parks, Apple Valley has their parks. So there will be something for them. But because we're a special district park, theoretically, we would get a bigger piece of that based-on need. A lot of that is going to be tied to social economical -- socio-economic status. So, anyway, those two things. And our conference is set for the 16th through the 18th, I think.
MR. WOODS: Of May.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Of May, yeah. So when everybody pretty much returned to CRP, who was on a state board that met with our legislative advocate Mr. Heim, who is staying on --
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Oh, yay.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And he said this park bill is a real reality if we plan for it. So those are the only two things I had. And meeting with Obernolte. We should do that right after the first of the year when we can get him because I think their session begins in December, but then they get a break right away.
MR. WOODS: Uh-huh.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And for those that don't know, the state legislature now is on a two-year cycle. The budget that they will establish and the way that they will pass their
legislation is in a two-year cycle now, which they changed last year. So the California legislature is going to run a little bit different than they did in the past. Hopefully, they'll be a little bit better.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Yes, one does hope that.
DIRECTOR CHANDLER: That's it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., and will be held in the Lime Street Park Community Center at 16292 Lime Street, Hesperia, California 92345.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Okay. And I have no further comment. I will announce that our next regular Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for December 10th, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., and will be held in this room, at Lime Street Park Community Center, at 16292 Lime Street, Hesperia, California 92345. And without further objection or comment, I will call us adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by declaration by President Swanson at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Woods, General Manager
Willow Miller, Business Manager