

**REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE  
HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT  
AND THE  
HESPERIA AREA RECREATION DISTRICT FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
April 23, 2020  
Lime Street Park Community Center**

**MINUTES  
DIRECTORS PARTICIPATED VIA TELECONFERENCE  
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**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order via teleconference at 6:00 p.m. by President Hill.

**ROLL CALL, all via Teleconference**

- a. Committee: Blocker, Aguilar
- b. Foundation: Hill, Drylie, Dupree, Helsley  
Peters (Responded at 6:23 p.m.)
- c. District Staff: Etchepare, Tighe, Wyzlic, Hauser
- d. Other: None

**MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC/PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment made.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None were presented.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Approval of February 27, 2020, Meeting Minutes  
Motion by Helsley to approve minutes as written, second by Dupree. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:  
  
**AYES:** Dupree, Helsley, Drylie, Hill  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Peters  
**ABSTAIN:** None
- b. Updates and Discussion Regarding the District's Response to the Coronavirus and Precautions

1. Etchepare reviewed the response and precautions the District has taken to remain compliant with regulations regarding the Coronavirus to include: Effective March 20, 2020, the suspension of all programs and closing of all facilities with the exception of essential administration positions and Meals on Wheels on a takeout basis; All recreation activities, classes, fishing, camping, and ASAP are closed until further notice; Parks continue to remain open for day use.
2. Dupree questioned the potential for short term changes based on the county opening their parks; he asked if there were any issues with the skate park. Dupree suggested posting the county requirements regarding wearing a mask and social distancing at District parks.
3. Helsley requested information on if the Equestrian Area remains open.
4. Hill questioned if the tennis courts would remain open for use.

c. Rick Novack Scholarship Program Update

1. Hauser provided an update regarding the Rick Novack Scholarship Program. Hauser advised there were applications received from four out of the five eligible schools. Hauser provided the names of the winning applicants from each of the four schools that had participated. Hauser noted that the winning applicants will be announced at the next Foundation Meeting, and the winners will be invited to join the meeting.
2. Helsley questioned how the scholarships will be issued to the winning applicants.
3. Drylie stated that all of the applicants were impressive. Hill agreed.
4. Helsley advised that all applicants presented well.
5. Dupree thanked Sarah and her staff for the work put in on the application process. He advised that the interviews went off without a hitch in spite of the circumstances. Drylie and Hill agreed.

d. Review and Approve 2020/2021 HARD Foundation Budget

Tighe presented 2020/2021 Budget for approval. Motion by Drylie to approve the 2020/2021 HARD Foundation Budget as presented, second by Helsley. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Helsley, Drylie, Hill, Dupree  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Peters  
**ABSTAIN:** None

**DISTRICT FOUNDATION COMMITTEE**

a. District Board Report

1. Director Aguilar highlighted the following items:
    - At the March 11, 2020, Regular Board Meeting the District Board appointed Jeanne Helsley to the vacant HARD Foundation Board.
    - At the March 19, 2020, Special Meeting the District Board addressed the Covid-19 situation and moved to close programming until further notice.
    - The April 8, 2020, Regular Board Meeting was the first teleconference regular meeting. Another Covid-19 update was provided with the closures of the schools. The Audit report was given and the Board of Directors are reviewing it and will revisit that at the next regular Board meeting. The landscape contract was continued for two years while the Board continues to look at options regarding this.
    - On April the April 22, 2020, the county advised they would be lifting regulations on a few things related to the Coronavirus. The Board may consider having a special meeting if needed to decide what to do regarding Hesperia Lake and fishing.
  2. Director Blocker advised that he is looking forward to parks and programs re-opening.
- b. Comments
1. Helsley questioned if the open seat for Director Chandler had been filled yet.

## STAFF REPORTS

- a. Program/Event/Activities Handouts
  1. Etchepare advised on several upcoming events that were cancelled or postponed due to the Coronavirus:
    - High Desert Pirate Renaissance Faire (Postponed)
    - Easter Egg Hunt (Cancelled)
    - Rock'n Our Disabilites 5K (Rescheduled)
    - Spring Kids Kamp (Cancelled)
    - Indigenous Gathering (Cancelled/Postponement in Progress)
    - Spring Volleyball and Adult Volleyball (Cancelled)
    - Swim Lessons (On Hold)
  2. Etchepare advised the District is continuing to evaluate upcoming programs, such as Summer Kids Kamp, to determine if they will be allowed. She advised the Recreation Staff Assistant and Administrative Staff Assistant are very active in creating virtual recreation activities to include:
    - Chalk the Walk
    - Resources
    - Activities
    - Recipes

b. Comments

1. Helsley requested to make note to advise We Really Care if the Easter Egg Hunt is rescheduled.

**FOUNDATION PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

- a. Hill –Commented that we are all doing the best we can with what we currently have. She thanked everyone for that.

**FOUNDATION DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

- a. Peters – Stated that it was nice to hear everyone at the meeting and to be able to get some things done. She expressed her thanks to everyone for their kindness to her with everything that she has been through.
- b. Dupree – Expressed congratulations and welcomed Helsley back to the HARD Foundation Board. He thanked Etchepare and staff for pulling off the April meeting. He stated that Hauser did a good job on the scholarship application process. He stated good job to the staff for keeping the parks open; he advised it is nice to have a way to get out and get some fresh air. He requested an update on what was reported out at the regular Board meetings from closed session regarding the former General Manager. Etchepare provided this update and advised what steps were taken towards filling this vacant position.
- c. Drylie - Requested an update on the vacant Administrative Operations Manager - Parks and Recreation position. He commended staff and expressed his concern for staff being overworked as activities increase. Etchepare provided an update regarding the vacant position. Etchepare gave credit to the maintenance staff that have taken on outside Parks duties without hesitation and to staff members like Hauser who have assisted with historical knowledge of the District.
- d. Hill - Questioned whether staff had an update on Percy Bakker available.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.