

PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE SECTION 74-204

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING Minutes THE SOUTHERN VALLEY COUNTY RECREATION DISTRICT Tuesday, March 19, 2024 @ 5:30 PM

5:32 pm

Roll Call

Larry Morton – Board President: present

Patty Giardina – Board Member: present

McKenzie Campbell – Board Member: present

Monica Gokey – Board Member: joined at 5:42 pm

Alisa Ochunzzi – Board Member: joined via Zoom at 5:57 pm

Various Topics of Discussion

5:32 pm

Introduction and meeting overview

The board discussed finalizing research tasks to educate the public on increasing the recreation district's funding through a levy. They agreed to divide tasks and present findings at their next meeting.

5:38 pm

Research tasks and timeline

The board outlined specific research elements needed to demonstrate the levy's necessity, including use statistics, program impacts, and comparisons to other districts. They discussed educating patrons by November to gain support before pursuing a ballot measure.

5:41 pm

Long-term planning and capital needs

The board agreed priorities were maintenance and facilities to sustain programs and attract patrons.

5:49 pm

Messaging and community outreach

The board planned to share success stories and statistics to showcase community benefits. Educating staff and a fundraising dinner in October 2024 were suggested to build internal momentum before broader outreach.

5:54 pm

Operational sustainability and budgeting

The board discussed responsibly maintaining operations if the levy were to fail, such as fee increases. Seeking a 3% increase annually was proposed to close future funding gaps.

6:03 pm

Next steps and action items

The board assigned research tasks and agreed to discuss preliminary findings and long-term visions at their next meeting. Seeking input from employees and the public was seen as important to crafting an informed proposal.

6:06 pm

Funding sources and capital projects

The board explored alternative funding, learning FEMA may fund emergency shelters. While uncertain, this raised hopes of leveraging outside money to gain voter support for capital projects supporting both recreation and disaster response.

6:37 pm

Adjournment

Patty motioned to adjourn. McKenzie seconded.
All members audibly voted in favor. No further discussion.

Signatures

Date: _____

Larry Morton _____

Patty Giardina _____

McKenzie Campbell _____

Monica Gokey _____

Alisa Ochhunzzi _____