***Regular Board Meeting Minutes***

***February 26, 2024***

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Irrigon Community Park & Recreation District was held at the Irrigon Fire Station, Irrigon, Oregon. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Vice-Chair Dave Cooley.

Board of Directors present were Neila Coffman, Kent Heidt and Glenn Maret. Absent was Burrel Cooley. Staff present was Bob Byrd, Keith Curnutt, Ken Thompson and Sandi Wodarczak.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:  
Leeland Lafferty addressed the Board regarding the hiring of the new sports director. He stated numerous times his concern over the way “things are run.” The majority of his comments were directed about the Youth Basketball program. He was told that this is a new area for the Board and they are willing to listen to all positive input from the community. The Board meets the last Monday of every month, and the Public is and has been always welcome. Before tonight, the Board has not seen any public attend meetings and voice any concerns/comments/suggestions for the Youth Sports program.

CONSENT Agenda:

**Approval of October, November and December Minutes.**

Motion by Glenn Maret to approve the January 22 & January 31, 2024, minutes as presented, seconded by Kent Heidt. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Accounts Payables**

Motion by Neila Coffman to approve payables in the amount of $8,434.76, seconded by Glenn Maret. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approve Funds Transfer**

With payables approved, the amount of $8,500.00 will be transferred from the Money Market

account to the Checking account. Neila will make the first call and send text out for second call.

PARK MAINTENANCE AND DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Keith reported that there are no events scheduled for the Park as of today. Regular upkeep is continuing. There was concern over the Little League group filling up garbage cans from clean out of concession stand area and not taking garbage to the dumpsters.

Keith reported that a portion of the “rub rail” came loose from the launch ramp. He got it repaired on a temporary basis, but there is a need for a permanent fix. Dave will work with Keith on this.

There was discussion regarding the Little League group not contacting the Board about any use of fields for the upcoming season.

One of the ball fields will probably need to be seeded. The grass has never grown back since the spraying for weeds last year.

There was general discussion regarding the purchase of a grass seeder. At this time, Bob has not been able to find any rental company’s that carry these. Dave will look at one that is for sale, $4,300.00 and send out e-mail for discussion about purchasing it.

Ken reported that he had been contacted about information regarding the Little League Program. The Board stated that Little League is not under the umbrella for youth sports with the IPRD. If the group needs anything, they need to come to the Board meetings.

Ken reported that the youth basketball season has been completed. There were some issues with communication as he took over mid-season. He expects that the following season will run smoothly. He will work with Dave to get all equipment stored at IMAC.

Ken is looking at possibly creating a youth track program, using High School coaches and students and looking at starting sign ups around Spring Break.

Bob told Ken about the Hurricane program in Hermiston and looking into that for ideas and help.

Ken will be working on providing a “Vision Statement” and schedule of upcoming events to be presented to The Board at the next meeting.

PROJECTS

Pickleball Courts – Work has been delayed due to the weather. Davae reported that they will need to move the gates at Field 4.

Basketball Court – Will be working to move forward on this project when the Pickleball Courts are started.

Parking Lot Upgrade – Phase II: Burrel has been talking with Stuart and they are working on it.

OLD BUSINESS

Tree Removal:

Motion by Neila Coffman to accept the bid from GetRDone Tree Service, seconded by Glenn Maret.

Motion passed unanimously.

Playground Wast:

Neila is working on this and is looking at a budget of 70K to 80k.

Off Leash Pet Area:

Dave is working on getting a bid for this project.

Columbia Heritage Trail (Irrigon Marina Heritage Trail):

Dave is working on getting a bid for this project.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business

FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION   
Discussion of existing Park District Bylaws, Policies & Procedures and Safety Program - Sandi

Mapping, planning & prioritization of projects – 4 projects are in the works

CREZ II Funds Grant money available 149,240.00  
Event Gazebo – Sandi   
Oregon State Parks (OPRD) Recreation Trails Grant Program  
Faucet Repair at Docks  
Electric Range & Lighting at Sun Shelter  
Possible overflow situation with new docks  
Acquiring two new flags for the park  
Small Grant Application  
Annual Plan to maintain and plant new trees  
Convert Equipment room into Office Space  
Playground - East  
Construct storage unit for Little League and Pickle Ball equipment – Kent reported that 2 sheds of not more than 10x12 can be constructed and placed, without the need of any building permits.

**SAFETY MEETING:**There was discussion regarding gasoline safety.

Keith and Bob had no questions or concerns regarding any safety issues.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

**Dave Cooley 02/26/2024**

**Authorized Signature Date**

**Sandi Wodarczak 02/26/2024**

**Attesting Witness Date**