**Wasatch County Parks & Recreation SSD #21**

**Board Meeting**

**January 9, 2024**

**Minutes**

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**Attendance:**

Kendall Crittenden, Chairman Tom Bonner, Director

Karl McMillan, Vice-Chairman Heath Coleman, Asst. Director

Spencer Park, Board Member Taylor Baker, Program Director

Erik Rowland, Board Member Laurie Duke, Admin. Assistant

Luke Searle, Board Member Dustin Grabau, County Manager

 Travis Dial, IT Specialist

**Excused**:

Steve Farrell, Board Member

Mark Nelson, Board Member

Kendall Crittenden called the meeting to order at 3:14 p.m.

**Minutes: November 14, 2023**

The minutes could not be approved because we did not have a majority in attendance that were present at the November 14th Board Meeting.

**Minutes: December 12, 2023**

Tom Bonner presented the minutes. Karl McMillan made a motion to approve the minutes for December 12, 2023. Spencer Park seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

 AYE: Kendall Crittenden

 AYE: Karl McMillan

 AYE: Spencer Park

 AYE: Erik Rowland

 Nay: None

 ABSTAIN: Luke Searle (Was not in attendance at the Board Meeting on Dec. 12, 2023,

 but did attend the Public Hearing portion beginning at 6:00 pm)

 ABSENT: Steve Farrell

 Mark Nelson

Kendall asked if there were any public issues for future meetings. There were none.

Kendall asked if there were any governing board issues for future meetings. There were none.

Kendall asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

**Warrants**:

Tom Bonner presented the warrants for December 2, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the amount of $84,285.50.

Spencer Park made a motion to approve the warrants for December 2, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the amount of $84,285.50. Luke Searle seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

 AYE: Kendall Crittenden

 AYE: Karl McMillan

 AYE: Spencer Park

 AYE: Erik Rowland

 AYE: Luke Searle

 NAY: None

 ABSENT: Steve Farrell

 Mark Nelson

**Re-Appoint Don Taylor and Neil Anderton to Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**:

Tom reported that according to our Bylaws for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board we have 2 members, Don Taylor and Neil Anderton, whose term ended on December 31, 2023. Both have requested to be on the Board again. Tom said that at our last Advisory Board Meeting, Don Taylor was voted in as Chairman and Neil Anderton was voted in as Vice-Chairman. Tom asked for a motion to re-appoint them to a 4-year term.

Kendall asked if they were participating well and Tom responded that they have been great in the past 4 years and definitely bring strengths and abilities that benefit our Advisory Board.

Karl McMillan made a motion to re-appoint Don Taylor and Neil Anderton to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for another 4 year term. Erik Rowland seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

 AYE: Kendall Crittenden

 AYE: Karl McMillan

 AYE: Spencer Park

 AYE: Erik Rowland

 AYE: Luke Searle

 NAY: None

 ABSENT: Steve Farrell

 Mark Nelson

**Director’s Report**:

Kendall asked Tom if he had anything for Director’s Report and Tom answered that our fund balance looks healthy as numbers are coming in so we are looking forward to the new year.

Luke asked if the Rec. Center ever reached capacity. Tom responded that during the winter months from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. we are at capacity, everything is full. We exceed capacity on Wednesday nights when Jr. Jazz is going on. Tom said that we could definitely use more turf fields, as during the winter they are booked solid from after school until close. Kendall asked about capacity for the pickle ball courts and Tom answered that yes they are full and we allow that until about 2:30 p.m. when school lets out.

Erik asked Tom if he has ever explored finding ways to utilize temporary bubble covers over outdoor fields and pickle ball courts. Tom said that yes they have done some research on that and it is very expensive. For the pickle ball courts, it would probably be about $250,000 - $300,000. for 6 courts. Tom said that for fields it would get into the millions. Heath also brought up the issue of staffing the pickle ball courts and protecting them from vandalism. It would be significant costs for staffing and maintenance.

Tom stated that he is looking forward to hiring for the new positions. He reported they have already hired a new programmer and the Sponsorship & Advertising position is posted and looks like we have some promising applicants. We will advertise for the Grounds position in February to start in March.

Kendall asked if there has been any follow up with the Archery lanes at the Rec. Center and Tom responded that he is still waiting on UCIP guidelines and still have the problem of staffing it with a range master. Heath commented that it would be an expensive project because the area would have to be totally enclosed.

Kendall asked if there were any other questions or comments. There were none.

Karl McMillan made a motion to adjourn. Erik Rowland seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

AYE: Kendall Crittenden

 AYE: Karl McMillan

 AYE: Spencer Park

 AYE: Erik Rowland

 AYE: Luke Searle

 NAY: None

 ABSENT: Steve Farrell

 Mark Nelson

Meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Laurie Duke