

Gunnison Valley Recreation Board

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 13, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Gunnison City Building

Call to Order

Chairman Brian Nielson called the meeting to order at **7:05 PM**.

Roll Call

Board Members Present

- Brian Nielson, Chairman
- Robert Anderson
- Mayor Leatherwood
- Markel Barclay

Board Members Absent

- Cutler Frandsen
- Nona Dyreng
- Catherine Medler

Others in Attendance

- Jantz Jensen, Recreation Director
- Janna Jensen, Recreation Director
- Randi Hunt, Recording Secretary

Approval of Previous Minutes

Approval of the previous meeting minutes was not considered, as they were not included on the meeting agenda.

Agenda Items

Budget Approval

The Recreation Board reviewed the proposed **2026–2027 Gunnison Valley Recreation Budget**, which had previously been approved by the Centerfield City Council. The Board acknowledged the work completed by CPA Gary Keddington in preparing the budget.

Motion: Robert Anderson made a motion to approve the 2026–2027 Recreation Budget. The motion was seconded by Mayor Leatherwood.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously, **4–0**.

Middle School Cheer Coach

Board Member Nona Dyreng had previously requested that board members bring suggestions for individuals interested in coaching the older cheerleading age group. As Board Member Dyreng was absent, no discussion or action was taken on this item.

Concessions Contract

The Board discussed the current concessions contract with Sherry Malmgren, who has operated the concession stand at the baseball fields for the past two years. Concerns were expressed regarding inconsistent operating hours, including closing before events had concluded, and the amount of cleanup left for the Recreation Department staff after daily operations.

The Board discussed reviewing the current contract before determining whether to renew it. Members also considered reopening the application process in January for the 2027 season, with a new contract beginning in March.

Mayor Leatherwood volunteered to meet with Ms. Malmgren to discuss her interest in continuing to operate the concession stand and to review expectations for the upcoming season.

Motion: Markel Barclay made a motion to table further discussion until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Leatherwood.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously, **4–0**.

Baseball Field Scoreboards

Jantz Jensen reported that the steel beams for the new scoreboards have been received and the installation locations have been marked.

Mayor Leatherwood suggested contacting Jonah Christensen of Centerfield City to determine whether the City's hydro-vac equipment could be used to excavate the pole holes, rather than hiring labor to dig them manually. The Board agreed this would likely be a more efficient and cost-effective solution, even if compensation to Centerfield City is required.

The Board also discussed hiring a ready-mix concrete truck instead of mixing approximately 80 bags of concrete by hand. Mr. Jensen stated he hopes Andy Cox will be available to assist with the electrical installation for the scoreboards.

Storage Shed Finalization

Robert Anderson requested an update on the storage shed project at the baseball fields.

A bid of approximately **\$27,000** was received from Rasmussen's for asphalt around the shed. The Board agreed the cost was excessive and discussed using road base as a more economical alternative.

Jon Barclay had previously informed Jantz Jensen that he may have a suitable 10' x 10' door available for the storage shed. Mr. Jensen also reported that he is continuing to seek assistance with completing the electrical work for both the storage shed and the new scoreboards.

Adjournment

Motion: Markel Barclay made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Leatherwood.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at **8:13 PM**.

Randi Hunt
Recording Secretary

