



Regular Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2016

1. **Call to Order**

The Carbon Valley Park and Recreation District (CVPRD) Board of Directors meeting was held on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at the Carbon Valley Recreation Center Administrative Building. President Wingerberg called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance led by President Wingerberg.

3. **Roll Call**

Directors: Roger Wingerberg – President
Tracie Crites – Vice President
Todd Schoenleber – Treasurer
Cody Childers – Secretary
Lita Reser
Madelyn Tippin

Excused Absence: Anita Abers

Also Present: Ross Blackmer, Executive Director
Abigail Hebert, Executive Administrative Assistant

4. **Agenda Review**

President Wingerberg informed the Board of Directors and the audience of agenda items for July 20, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting. President Wingerberg informed the Board of Directors and the audience there are two (2) presentations tonight.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

a. Approval of June 21, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes - A motion was made to approve the June 21, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes by Vice President Crites; seconded by Secretary Childers. A vote was taken:

Director Abers – excused absence, Secretary Childers – yes, Vice President Crites – yes, Treasurer Schoenleber – yes, Director Tippin – yes, President Wingerberg – yes, Director Reser – yes; the motion was carried.

6. **Presentations**

a. Presentation of Flag – Ric Payne from local VFW Post 9741 – Mr. Payne informed the Board of Directors he was the commander of Post 9741 and they are located down in Prairie Greens. They hold their meetings there at the club house and they have a pretty good monthly breakfast. Mr. Payne commented to the Board of Directors that if they would like to attend the breakfast, it is the third (3) Saturday of every month.

Mr. Payne informed the Board of Directors he had a little bird tell him that the Administration Building did not have an American flag for our organizational flag pole.

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Therefore, he decided that the District needed one and would like to present this one to the District.

The Board of Directors and Ross Blackmer collectively thanked Ric Payne for the presentation of a flag for the District's flag pole.

Mr. Payne informed the Board of Directors his Post 9741 will be bringing the AVTT Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall to the Carbon Valley Area on September 15 thru 18, 2016. It is open and free to the public and they encourage everyone to come out and see it. They will be having an opening ceremony and have four (4) F-16 pilots fly over. During the entire course that the wall is in the Carbon Valley Area, they will have readers constantly reading names. They are open to volunteers and donations at this time and he has the information here if anyone is interested in taking a flyer. The wall will be located by Furniture Row on Dacono. They were donated six and a half (6.5) acres to display the wall.

Mr. Payne also informed the Board of Directors they are selling large 3x5 Vietnam Flags that says Vietnam Veterans of America. It is yellow in color and has the official emblem on it as well. They are selling these flags to raise money for this event and the flags are \$20 dollars each. The flags can be purchased through www.ColoradoRemembers.com.

The Board of Directors thanked and very much appreciated Ric Payne and VFW Post 9741 for their generous donation and presenting of the American Flag. President Wingerberg commented that the Board of Directors would like to see him back in August.

b. Ann Terry – Executive Director of SDA – Ross Blackmer informed the Board of Directors it was his distinct pleasure to introduce to the board members to Ann Terry the Executive Director of Colorado Special Districts Association. Ann Terry has come tonight to give a brief overview of her responsibilities of special districts. Ann Terry's bio was included into the board member packets for their review.

Ms. Terry thanked and considered it an absolute honor to be invited to speak to our Board of Directors. It is one of the things that she is able to do that she loves, getting out and talking to her members. Ms. Terry explained to the Board of Directors that she is their Executive Director but she also answers to a Board of Directors herself. They are Special District Board Members and their names and bios can be found in back of the board member manuals for special districts.

Ms. Terry commented to the Board of Directors that Ross Blackmer has been a very good supporter of SDA and has been in the Leadership Academy two (2) years in a row. Today was one of the Leadership Academy trainings that was a forum. Today at the academy, there was a man who is a veteran and he works with veterans that have difficult time readjusting to a community. He was a former army major and he even talked to us about constructive leadership, positive leadership and how that works within your community in a positive way. Ross Blackmer said it best he said, 'Ann Terry, I walked out of there feeling

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rejuvenated, alive, fresh and ready to tackle anything' and that is how I felt when I walked out of that forum. Ms. Terry thanked Mr. Payne for his service and SDA really appreciate those who serve their local governments.

Ms. Terry informed the Board of Directors she grew up in a local government with her family, she worked in the DA's office, she worked in the County Attorney's office, her parents were involved in local government – her father was on the zoning board for a long time and he missed a lot of dinners because of the zoning board, which I am sure that you all can relate. It's a lot of work and none of you do it to get rich, you do it because you care about the community you live in and that is why special districts are so important in Colorado.

Ms. Terry informed the Board of Directors that California, Oregon and Colorado have very similar special districts structures. Most states have a form of special districts; they just don't call them special districts. Ms. Terry commented she heard from Ross Blackmer that one of our board members was from Illinois and Grant Park is a special district and all the people that take care of Grant Park are special district. Soldier Field was one of the first special districts in the country, organized special districts. California and Oregon are her sister states and they talk about the various things that come up in special districts because their structures are the same as Colorado's. Texas has a lot of special districts, Florida, Arizona, Mexico and we are starting to see them emerge because people want to be able to have 'local control' and have the ability to dictate what happens with their tax dollars.

Ms. Terry informed the Board of Directors special districts in Colorado began during the mining times and there is a history in the guide to special districts, which she gave to all the board members. We also give these guides to legislators, we give these to people who want to know a little more about special districts, but this is what we give to the legislators because they are unaware of what a special district is.

Ms. Terry explained to the Board of Directors special districts started in the mining times in Leadville because miner's needed fire suppression, they needed water, and for food. They did not know how to get all of those resources from the county because of the creeks and the roads became impassable. They decided that they would start taxing themselves outside of their own wages to have someone provide them services. These are the real origins of the Colorado Special District. One of the reasons that special districts thrive so well in Colorado, California and Oregon is because of the mountain ranges, in other places it was easier to get around but here it was not. Special Districts really started to evolve in the late 40's and the legislators said 'ok fine, we will create special districts by statues'. We can be changed and altered by the statues, which brings me to how special districts came to be. In the late 70's, several special district attorneys got together and said, 'hey look, the legislators are starting to monkey around with the special districts and we don't want cities to control them, we don't want counties to control them, we don't want state government oversight and control special districts, but we don't have anyone down here advocating and we don't know how to make all this organized'. So Jim Collins and Tom

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Grimshaw went to law school, decided that they would put together a management company to manage special districts' in Vail and in the western part of the Denver area, and then they said, 'well, we need someone to look out for special districts interests'. Therefore, the Special District's Association was created. CML has been in existence for 129 years and CCI has been in existence for almost 192 years, so we are the youngster of the group. Over the period of time, we evolved. We have a staff of seven (7) contractors that she works with, we put together a newsletter for you all, and you all were featured in it. We serve about 1,600 wards, if you do the math: 5 x 1,600, there is a lot of schools that are members. You, as elected officials and you as the board, are the members. You have about 245 associate members, those associates are engineering firms, management firms, accounting firms, tree people and gardening firms and landscape firms, etc. However, we think of everyone as our members. The only difference between an associate member and members is that you all get to go to the SDA Annual Conference meeting that is in September, associate members do not have rights to those.

Ms. Terry informed the Board of Directors that over the years, there was an insurance pool that was added in 1988. This has about 82 to 83 percent of the districts' that belong to the SDA pool. That is property, liability and workman's comp. This was put in place because districts could not go out in the open market and get insurance without having to pay enormous premiums. Therefore, they created the insurance pool. We also have a health care program called Colorado Unemployment Trust for healthcare and they provide healthcare programs, not healthcare but programs, that are well below the market rate. This is another benefit. Other benefits that you get to enjoy is our annual conference, about 1,000 people show up, we have over 50 breakout sessions which starts at 7:00 AM and goes until 9:00 PM. We feed you, that is our motto: we feed you and feed you well because we want you to stay in the conference facility, get to know one another, and get to know what is happening in various districts including other parks and recreation districts because all of those things are important. We have 55 parks and recreation districts in the State of Colorado and 51 are members of SDA.

Ms. Terry informed the Board of Directors they have the board member workshops and we have nine (9) venues across the state and we do that in the month of June. As a part of that, every year we publish and produce a board member manual called the BMM and the workshops are BMW's. When we do the workshops, we work front to back, we get examples and this year the examples were a little more 'here is all you need to know' and next year will be 'here are some examples' and will be more of a discussion and interaction.

Ms. Terry informed the Board of Directors there are webinars that they host, are recorded and located on their website, after logging in, they can be downloaded and listened to again and again. They also have what is called 'luncheon learns' and those are generally 30 people that are in our offices down on Capitol Hill and you are welcome there anytime. We have two (2) conference rooms that are available, please call us and they are yours. The only thing that we cannot get you is parking in Downtown Denver.

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Ms. Terry informed the Board of Directors that as a member benefit, SDA has a legislative committee. The last three (3) years we have done with the legislative committee is trying to be inclusive, but what we found is that we were not being as inclusive as we could be. We want anyone who has any inkling to know what is happening at Capitol Hill about special districts and local government to join us. So you can join us by webinar and partake is really important. Everything is open to you and she really encourages all of the board members to use their resources.

Ms. Terry informed the Board of Directors that Ross Blackmer won the Collaboration Award last year with SDA and that is something that the SDA Board takes very seriously when they put together that award because they like to see that Districts are working together.

The Board of Directors thanked Ann Terry for coming to speak to the board members. Ross Blackmer presented Ann Terry with a small token of appreciation from the District.

7. New Business

a. Six (6) Month Calendar for Board of Directors – Ross Blackmer informed the Board of Directors that this is just board information as the District projects forward and finish up 2016.

i. August 2016

1. Greg Zadel, Guest Speaker – Ross Blackmer informed the Board of Directors that he invited Greg Zadel to speak to the board. Greg Zadel is a local realtor and he was one of the first board members to put the Carbon Valley Parks and Recreation District together.

Ross Blackmer informed the Board of Directors about changes to fees and charges, an overview of where we are, and in the process of overlooking our non-district rates and fees so we can get more in line. This was an issue that was brought up to our attention. What we are proposing is where we are and where we should be by comparing to other local recreation centers around the District. This would only be for daily admission fees and passes, not programs.

ii. September 2016

1. 14 Month Calendar, Planning Calendar – Ross Blackmer informed the Board of Directors that he already gave them a 14-month calendar looking ahead. There would be some statues that we would have to look and the board will have to decide whether or not they would like to participate in a coordinated election.

iii. October 2016

1. Draft 2017 Budget – Ross Blackmer informed the Board of Directors that he will have a rough draft budget for the 2017 fiscal year for your review.

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iv. November 2016

1. Adopt 2017 Budget – Ross Blackmer commented to the Board of Directors that he would like to have the budget approved by the Board of Directors in November. We do not have to have that approved until December, but I would like to have that extra 30 days to change or make additions to if needed.

v. December 2016

1. Annual Report, Draft Report

2. Budget Submittal Deadlines

3. Resolutions for 2017 Adoptions – Ross Blackmer informed the Board of Directors that December when the board members have to fully adopt the Budget. It has been asked that we do an annual report and he will do his due diligence to get that done. Also in December, there will be Resolutions that will need to be adopted for 2017 so that it can be sent out to various agencies.

Director Reser commented she had a question on the 14-month calendar. She commented that this went out on the June 4th Board Retreat and was wondering if it could be sent out again to the board members. Ross Blackmer commented that he would have it resent out to the board members.

b. Planning Calendar

i. Growth – President Wingerberg informed the Board of Directors there is several steps that the board members have to take as we run up to deciding about growth. If we do decide that we want to put the proposal together for growth, this time we will do it more by the numbers. So this calendar that we are putting together is when do we have to have this done, this done, and this done. It will roll up to a July 2017 commitment to bond issue if we decide to do one. During this time, we have started meeting with the Towns/City and get some ideas from them. We will have some open forums for the citizens of the two (2) Towns and the City. We have encouraged the Towns/City to come up with some ideas on where they would like to see these sort of things within their Towns/City and they will need to define what is ready now. Obviously, we do not have the funds to do all the different studies for 15 different sites, so we are going to inform the Towns/City to be frugal but they will have to help the District with some of this stuff.

That will be the first thing to kick off, what does it mean to be the proposed site. Town of Firestone has at least two (2) proposed sites and we are encouraging the other Town and City to also propose something; or if they are happy with what another town proposes, that is fine too. This is the information that we are trying to get right now, they are just casual conversations with City/Towns people.

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President Wingerberg commented that this calendar should be available to the board members by next study session.

Vice President Crites commented that she would like to see the District bringing in the public to that question. She realizes that they have been talking about forums so that the public can let the board know their thoughts, but there are other ways to reach out such as a social media pole we could do every now and again. Asking questions like 'are you happy with the rec district?', 'are you looking for growth?', 'would you support?'. I would like to start doing that now and seeing what kind of information that we are getting from the public and let them have that opportunity to let us know, create the buzz around it, and encourage them to come to our meetings and discuss that with us.

Ross Blackmer informed the Board of Directors that staff has begun step 1 of that by doing surveys on expanding the hours on the weekends, particularly Sundays' in the fourth quarter of this year. Once we get to a budget point where we know what we have already achieved and if we have the additional expenditures and salaries to do so. We are thinking about opening up the center on Sundays' at 10:00 AM by offering some adult hours before open swim. At the administration meeting we will begin to look at some of those types of things and receive input.

President Wingerberg commented at the next study session they should be looking at the calendar and going line-by-line, make sure that we are assigning each other they different things we need to do with the governance committee with the Towns and City. President Wingerberg encouraged the other board members to go to lunch with Ross Blackmer once a month, to talk with Board of Trustees and even the Mayors talking about this calendar, and when we have the open forums we can update the citizens on what their governance is thinking.

Director Reser commented that in those discussions, the board members need to be informing the governance that they are not speaking for the whole board, it is just an open dialog of information that will be brought back to the board members and discussed.

President Wingerberg commented the board members should not be afraid to throw ideas out to the governance, but the first thing that needs to be said is that they are just taking information and bringing it back to the other board members to discuss and it is not a commitment. President Wingerberg commented that the board members need to remember 'in my opinion' when they are speaking about these ideas because it will be misconstrued as collective board thought.

President Wingerberg asked when, and this does not have to be answered now, but when would be a good time to host the first open forum for the citizens. Vice President Crites commented in her opinion, it would depend on how deep they go into it at a study session and she wants to feel confident on what we are looking

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for on a site before we bring in the citizens. She thinks that it is important to them to see where we are in the process and important for them to see the transparency that we do not have any more questions about what we are looking for, we will know exactly what we are looking for, and then we can answer their questions. Director Reser commented she would like to see what the Towns/City have to offer first. Treasurer Schoenleber commented that as mentioned before, we are going to have this forum far out before anything is going to be done.

8. Old Business

a. Status of Dacono IGA – Ross Blackmer informed the Board of Directors he had met with the leadership of Dacono and there was an agreement on the terms in the rough draft of the IGA between CVPRD and City of Dacono. The IGA will be going for signatures through the City of Dacono on July 25, 2016, it will then be forwarded back to us for finalization.

President Wingerberg asked Ross Blackmer who is it that signs the IGA on the City level? Ross Blackmer commented it is the Mayor.

Director Reser asked Ross Blackmer how long will this IGA be in effect for? Ross Blackmer commented as of right now, through 2019.

Ross Blackmer informed the Board of Directors there were two (2) main issues that City of Dacono had when it came to approving the IGA. The two (2) issues were the event park, they have requested a two (2) week rest period before the Music Festival and two (2) weeks afterwards; and also did not want CVPRD to be scheduling the splash pad, which is absolutely fine from the District's point of view. He feels confident that in August, the board members will have the IGA to sign.

b. BMX – Ross Blackmer informed the Board of Directors he had met with BMX on July 19, 2016 and discussed with them that BMX needs to raise fees, we need to adopt a District and Non-District policy over there, and the other issues that they have over there such as not having WiFi and no computer. My direction was that would be in the report in August to the board members the changes to the fee structure so we identify those Non-District users and charge them more. We are working on the BMX to get them more in line and we are no longer a mom and pop business.

President Wingerberg asked if they will have the same level of participation from us and from City of Dacono on BMX or are they going to come a little closer to us so we don't lose as much money. Ross Blackmer commented in the IGA, it is the District.

Vice President Crites asked where does BMX stand on these options that Ross Blackmer presented to the board members and where does those options come into play. Ross Blackmer commented those were options that were presented to the board. Right now in the IGA, it still states that the District operates it. So how we operate it, is up to the Board of Directors, if we want to run it as an enterprise, then we will.

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Ross Blackmer commented it was a good part for them to understand what the District does. They did not understand that the District had expenditures for the port-o-let, paying liability insurance, we pay for the water, we pay for the utilities, etc. They did not understand that there were indirect costs. This was a good educational piece for BMX, but my directive was that we need to at least break even in the BMX operation and we can no longer subsidize BMX.

Vice President Crites commented in this report, there is mention of volunteers. Are they still current? Ross Blackmer commented there was still volunteers.

Ross Blackmer commented that BMX has been going out and getting donations of equipment to work on the track and they got some donations to help control the weeds. That is an ongoing problem over there because the track is surrounded by an open field that has goat heads. For the board member's education, the District spent about \$25,000 dollars rebuilding the track in 2014. We should have doubled that because it was not done right in the first place. The asphalt was only put until the top of the hill, so when it rains and snows – the water runs downhill on the back side and washes away the dirt on the other side and the asphalt will eventually cave in. The track has a starter gate, the gate is put down and up generally over 1,200 to 1,500 times in a season, it is cracking the concrete underneath.

9. Executive Director Monthly Report Q&A

Treasurer Schoenleber commented that he had a question about the Fall Activity Guide coming out soon. He is curious if there are any major changes to the guide when it comes to programs, etc. Ross Blackmer commented there were no major changes. Staff was asked if they were to have something new, it is run by me first so that he knows it is a viable situation.

Director Reser commented that on June 30, 2016 that he had met with Paul Rufien, the District Legal Counsel. She wondered why Ross Blackmer had met with Paul Rufien. Ross Blackmer commented that he had met with Paul Rufien about the inclusions that were submitted by the Town of Frederick and City of Dacono. The Town of Frederick negotiation will come to the Board of Directors soon regarding that inclusion property.

Treasurer Schoenleber commented about Gymnastics and the girls that were going to regionals. He wondered if that was a big deal or not, it sounds like a big deal to him. Do we use that in our advertising for Gymnastics? Ross Blackmer commented the District does advertise for Gymnastics using that. Secretary Childers informed the Board of Directors that boys Gymnastics is also going to a state meet that will be on July 29, 2016.

Treasurer Schoenleber commented on the rafting trip. He noticed that it was cancelled again and wondered if there were any issues as to why it was cancelled. Ross Blackmer commented it was because low participation numbers and/or no one signed up for it.



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President Wingerberg asked if CVPRD's software has the ability to break down the three (3) communities. Ross Blackmer informed the Board of Directors and President Wingerberg no, it does not break it down easily by itself.

Vice President Crites asked about e-Trak. Is the app something that we are more comfortable that we could start rolling out and possibly advertise it at all in the Activity Guide. Ross Blackmer commented yes, we have gone on and looked at it and something that we will highlight in the next Activity Guide.

President Wingerberg commented for the benefit of the audience, please explain what the app is and what they can do with it. Marketing and Communications, Heather Hammarstrom commented that she did not know much about it and was unaware about it until it was just mentioned by Vice President Crites. Vice President Crites commented the app allows you to sign up your child or yourself up for an activity, but I am curious to know and maybe we could look into this, if they allow you send push notifications. When you get an app, they send a highlight say 'oh, you need to upgrade', etc. So I am wondering if you could utilize that.

Treasurer Schoenleber asked about Kids Nite Out and wondered what the year-over-year for that program was. Also what the income on that program is. Ross Blackmer commented he is not sure about the year-over-year on that program. In 2014, we initially did the program in-house and was losing money, now we contract it out to them. We generally make money on those each Saturday. Treasurer Schoenleber asked if there as a steady stream of numbers on that. Ross Blackmer commented it is consistent. Vice President Crites commented she loves that CVPRD does this program.

Director Reser commented she would like to know the status of the bus. Ross Blackmer commented that the transportation committee is coming back to meeting because they have a new option on a bus. We will have that on the agenda in August.

a. Financials – Ross Blackmer informed the Board of Directors located in their packet was the June financials. He believes that the District is in good shape, the program numbers are good, the expenditures that the board members see is the taking away of salaries and wages out from the programs and rolling them into administration. Including those personnel costs of insurance, the liability, healthcare, etc.

Vice President Crites asked about the expenditures on the pool supplies and maintenance, she is wondering about the boilers and what they are considered. Ross Blackmer informed Vice President Crites that Conservation Trust Fund is Lottery Funds. We could spend the boilers out of that, we have set the monies to come out of Capital Improvement.

Vice President Crites asked if she someone can help her understand what portion of the District's debt is the actual Gymnastics/Senior Center? She is sure that it is documented, but she is wondering how much the District owes on that. She believes that she heard

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that it would not be until 2023. Ross Blackmer commented that was correct. The Debt Service Fund is 2.230 mills, so we collect the taxes for that and we have only collected 32% of that. This is what we have to pay twice per year in the neighborhood of \$78,000 dollars. The exact cost, I believe, is about \$4.5 million dollars.

Vice President Crites commented she noticed that there was a for sale sign for Grant Properties, has the District ever contacted them to purchase that land for more parking? Ross Blackmer informed Vice President Crites and the Board of Directors that was an interesting story. The District owned that property in 2012 and Grant Properties made three (3) years of payments to the District to buy it back. It was already sold before anyone in this room could say otherwise. Grant Properties made his final payment on the property in 2014. Vice President Crites commented that he could build whatever he wants on that piece of property. Ross Blackmer commented whatever the Town of Frederick would allow him to build there, yes.

An audience member commented to the Board of Directors there is an application with the Planning Department to build a three (3) story Senior Housing facility. President Wingerberg commented he had already talked with Aaron Grant about that and its pretty interesting.

b. Monthly Employee Newsletter – Ross Blackmer informed the Board of Directors he would like to congratulate Marketing and Communications, Heather Hammarstrom and Special Events, Jeannine Darnell on this. This is our communication to the employees some of the things that are going on. There are a lot of part time/seasonal employees and this let's let know the successes of the various programs that are going on. Ross Blackmer commented it is his goal to get this out to every employee by the first of the month.

President Wingerberg commented this was very nice. Vice President Crites agreed with President Wingerberg.

Treasurer Schoenleber asked if these were every month. Ross Blackmer commented yes.

c. Windy Gap

i. Town of Frederick – Ross Blackmer informed the Board of Directors the Town of Frederick is trying to get access to more water rights and as a property owner, they have asked us to write a letter in support of that. He working on that letter to the Town of Frederick so we can secure more water rights. We currently have four (4) pieces of property in the Town of Frederick that use water.

President Wingerberg asked if we have water rights on those pieces of property right now? Ross Blackmer commented yes.

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d. August 26, 2016

i. Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament – Ross Blackmer informed the Board of Directors the District are sponsors for the Golf Tournament. We will have two (2) golfers in the tournament. It is basically fundraiser that part of the monies will go to scholarships that are awarded to high school seniors. It is something that the District has always been a part of for recognizing youth and that is what we do.

e. SDA Fall Conference

i. September 21 thru 28 in Keystone – Ross Blackmer informed the Board of Directors about the SDA Fall Conference. Ross Blackmer commented it is September 21 thru the 23, the date that is mentioned thru the 28th is wrong, its only three (3) days.

Treasurer Schoenleber asked what the cost of the SDA Annual Conference or is it free. Ross Blackmer commented it is not free and he believes that it is \$375 for administration and then the hotel is a little bit steeper.

President Wingerberg asked who is the representative from CVPRD? Ross Blackmer commented it is him, he has attended in the past, and he volunteered this year so his registration is free. If any of the board members are interested, please let him know.

10. Public Comments

Richard O'Neal – Mr. O'Neal commented that he came tonight to talk about the Grant Brothers Property Senior Housing facility. Mr. O'Neal was wondering if the Board of Directors and the District were aware of it. There has not been a lot of information released, however, other than the Planning Director telling him it would be a three (3) story building and it will be in that corner. Parking is a concern, of course. He also has knowledge that Creative Years Daycare has a long term lease for parking spots and the Grant Brothers will have to dip out of their parking to create the building spaces. As President Wingerberg knows, there needs to be a certain amount of parking spots that are allocated per unit. He is interested to see if they will or will not drop it form the, he believes, the 1.75 per unit. He believes that this is a dangerous road to go down and if that building fails in 25 years, the owner of that building will open it up to everyone so that we would not have that parking issue. This is one thing that he will be following very closely.

Mr. O'Neal commented that he applauds the Board of Directors for doing a long term plan for expansion. The good time is to start now. The only thing that he heard in the conversation going back and forth was having the forums after the board has decided what we're going to have. He encourages the board members to have a forum earlier.

President Wingerberg commented just a small point of order, we said that we want to hear from the Towns/City first before we go to the citizens. Then we will open it up to a public

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forum. You all deserve to know. Mr. O'Neal commented that he misheard the conversation and agreed with what President Wingerberg just clarified.

Mr. O'Neal commented he has met with the Planning Director at the Town of Firestone and is delighted that about his vision is with Central Park and it is a lot more than when he used to live in Firestone.

Mr. O'Neal commented that he applauded Ross Blackmer for his hard work for sticking with it and working out something with City of Dacono. I know that it has been a challenge and turning BMX into its own enterprise because it needs to be starting to pull its own weight somewhere.

The Board of Directors thanked Mr. O'Neal for coming to speak at the board meeting.

11. Board Comments

Treasurer Schoenleber commented that he was leaving swim lessons with his daughter and noticed Lee Athmann at the Weld County Lunch. He commented that he saw him and went in and chatted with him. He found it interesting what Lee Athmann said, Lee Athmann commented that they only have 38 people at the luncheon, and out of the 38 the other 37 were not members of the Senior Center but they happen to live in this area. This includes him and all four (4) of his volunteers. He thinks that this is something to look into and use him as a source to get information from local seniors as to what they are looking for and/or ways to advertise to them.

Ross Blackmer informed the Board of Directors and Treasurer Schoenleber there is a background to that. There is a group of seniors that came over from the Tri-Town and still see it as a Tri-Town operation. There is no longer a Tri-Town group. A lot of those seniors are upset that they have to pay \$40 dollars to be a member, but what they do not realize is that we spent about \$5,700 dollars on coffee. Just coffee. The seniors view it as a senior leisurely hour. We can certainly reach out to them. Treasurer Schoenleber commented that he was unaware of that.

President Wingerberg commented that the seniors are not bashful, they will tell you exactly what they want and what they do not want. I do like stopping into those lunches every once in a while, to talk, but I won't eat.

Ross Blackmer commented that the seniors are very happy with Weld County because they subsidize the meals to \$3.00. It was a group that the District was subsidizing so we have increased our prices because the restaurants are not getting any cheaper; and at one point, prior to new staff arrival, they were allowed Silver Sneakers which the insurance company does not pay for meals, only fitness and wellness.

Director Tippin commented she was thinking about seniors. Right now, maybe we should think about anyone who joins this year, for one (1) year, that their membership starts out at half price then goes to full price from then on. Maybe we can entice them to join and to

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become a part of us and see what it is like. It is a benefit. We won't be making full price, but we will be making something. It may also entice them to stay on at full price permanently. It will show that we care and that we want them to be there. Something worth talking about through the senior community. She believes that there are a lot of seniors in our area that deserve more and if we can do anything to help that out, we should.

Director Reser commented she thought that this was a good point because the recreation center has their membership drive where we have percentages off passes, we can see if we can do it then.

Treasurer Schoenleber commented that his is all for percentages off, however, it sounds like that group is the group that pays less per person to begin with. Not that we don't want to increase that, but it already sounds like it is costing us a lot.

Vice President Crites asked if we could do that, just pick one group and offer a discount based on age? We have young families that will say 'hey!' Ross Blackmer commented that we give discounts to everyone throughout the year and specifically to the seniors last year.

President Wingerberg asked if there could be some programs ideas around that and put them together and bring that to our study session? Ross Blackmer will make a plan that is legal, viable, and makes sense and we can discuss it at the study session.

Ross Blackmer commented that he has recently learned that there are seniors that are buying regular senior memberships at the recreation center and it has grown. What we may have lost in number wise at the senior center, has increased by the number of seniors that are buying active participations in the recreation center.

Vice President Crites asked if there were any blank thank you cards for the District that we could be sending out? Ross Blackmer commented the District already has thank you District cards and will start bringing them to the meeting. The board members would like to hand write and sign the cards to be sent out to others.

Treasurer Schoenleber commented that he would like to look into this board being open to, as individuals, volunteering for things. Such as volunteering at Miner's Day, my concern was having three (3) or more of us attending that event, he is not sure how that would fall. President Wingerberg commented that it could be viewed wrong. He would say don't wear your name tag. Another thing is when people know you are a board member, the Q&A starts. Treasurer Schoenleber commented that is the idea, we are representing the board when we are just volunteering for Town of Frederick's this or that, Town of Firestone's this and that, etc. President Wingerberg commented he completely understands, but just remember the phrase 'in my opinion', unless the board has discussed and decided things. Treasurer Schoenleber commented he was just asking if that was a good idea or not to volunteer at other events. Director Reser commented in the past, the board members have volunteered for events. Board members were never

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stationed together at events. You can help and represent the board, but you don't have to stand around one another.

Ross Blackmer commented he would request the board members before they go to the Towns/City volunteering, they volunteer for some of the District's special events.

President Wingerberg commented if he volunteers, he would not like to wear his name tag but a CVPRD shirt. He will buy it himself if he has to, but he would like to have a golf shirt that informs people who they are.

Treasurer Schoenleber commented that he would like to have this discussion put on the agenda for August so that the board member could discuss this further.

President Wingerberg asked Executive Administrative Assistant, Abigail Hebert if she would put 'discuss volunteering' on the next study session agenda. Additionally, he asked if he could get a calendar of community events from CVPRD and the Towns/City.

Director Tippin asked when the next study session would take place. Ross Blackmer commented the next study session would be on August 10, 2016.

Secretary Childers commented based on year-to-date budget so far, our employees have done an awesome job and he would like to do an Employee Appreciation Day and/or other suggestions to appreciate our employees for doing more with less. Ross Blackmer commented this should go on the study session agenda. President Wingerberg agreed with Ross Blackmer about putting it on the study session agenda because they needed to figure out budgeting for it and have it on the next month's agenda for vote once it has been decided to do it.

12. Executive Session

a. Personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(f) – regarding organizational chart changes – A motion was made to go into executive session at 8:00 PM by Secretary Childers; seconded by Vice President Crites. A vote was taken:

Director Abers – excused absence, Secretary Childers – yes, Vice President Crites – yes, Treasurer Schoenleber – yes, Director Tippin – yes, President Wingerberg – yes, Director Reser – yes; the motion was carried.

President Wingerberg commented the Board of Directors came out of Executive Session at 8:27 PM, there were no decisions made during Executive Session only discussions.



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13. Adjournment

A motion was made by Director Reser; this was seconded by Vice President Crites to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 PM.

READ AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2016

Roger Wingerberg, President

ATTEST:

Cody Childers, Secretary