



Regular Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2016

1. Call to Order

The Carbon Valley Park and Recreation District (CVPRD) Board of Directors meeting was held on Tuesday, September 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

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

4. Approval of Agenda

President Wingerberg informed the board members that they would be tabling the Oath of Office until next month. No decisions have been made on candidates to fill the Town of Firestone two-year seat.

a. Review of August 2016 Financials – Ross Blackmer informed the Board of Directors that they all should have a copy of the monthly financials draft. The District has not received the final form from the accountant, but this is as close as we have. Ross Blackmer believes that we are right on target. Year-to-date actuals were \$1,717,422.00, so we are in fairly good shape. The District has collected all the property taxes for this year. Ross Blackmer commented that he informed staff this morning that basically the bank is closed so they should not be spending any monies.

President Wingerberg commented that he would first like to thank Ross Blackmer for getting the financials into the packet before the meeting. Vice President Crites commented that it was nice to have it early.

Ross Blackmer commented that he believes that the reason why the District was not receiving their financials on time was because there was a change in the reporting. Particularly in our audit. The PERA reports needed to be done this time, they did not have to be done before previously in the audit to be in our annual statement. This was the new twist for our CPA's. This was a huge delay for us because we had to backtrack all the PERA reports and all the submittals that we do for the employees. This was the major flaw and what delayed our audit.



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President Wingerberg asked if there were any issues with our audit. Ross Blackmer informed President Wingerberg no, there was not.

Secretary Schoenleber asked about the follow up on the boilers. He asked if everything went well. Ross Blackmer commented that he checked on them earlier today. The water temperature is holding. The side effect is apparently our senior ladies think that our water is even warmer than it was. They are very happy and our numbers are way back up. HE believes that there are 30 to 40 new participants are back into those classes. Out Tuesday/Thursday swim lessons has 94 out of 100 slots filled, so our numbers in aquatics are strong. All reports from the boilers have positive comments include hot water in the shower being immediate instead of letting it run until it warms up. Ross Blackmer also commented that he is interested to see our utility bill in the next month.

President Wingerberg asked Ross Blackmer if he figures three (3) months being a good average. Ross Blackmer commented yes.

Vice President Crites asked Ross Blackmer if we received a penalty fee for the audit. Ross Blackmer informed Vice President Crites no, we filed for an extension rather than suffering the consequences.

b. Approval of August 17, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes - A motion was made to approve the August 17, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes by Director Reser; seconded by Treasurer Schoenleber. A vote was taken:

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

5. Presentations

a. Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of St. Vrain Valley School District

i. Bond presentation – Ross Blackmer informed the Board of Directors he would like to introduce and very pleased to have Dr. Don Haddad from the St. Vrain School District presenting the ballot measure they will be having in November.

Dr. Haddad informed the Board of Directors that he is formally on vacation speaking on the behalf of himself as opposed to the school district.

Dr. Haddad informed the Board of Directors that the school district is planning to put a bond initiative on the ballot this November. It is something that they have been planning since 2008 since they passed the last bond, which was \$189,000,000 million dollars. Some of the things that came out of that was Frederick High School, renovation for Thunder Valley, and so on and so forth. The growth has been pretty consistent with what they have projected. The eight (8) year trend is 800+ new/additional students



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every year. St. Vrain Valley School District currently has 32,000 students and growing by that 800+ margin.

Dr. Haddad informed the Board of Directors the ultimate build out plan is for 85,000 students and that would encompass all 411 square miles because there is Lyons, Mead, Firestone, Frederick and Dacono, Erie, Niwot, and Longmont. No matter where you go, you see the growth. It is fast and furious.

Dr. Haddad informed the Board of Directors the majority of the bond, which is for \$260,340+ million. It is conservative bond on this perspective. The actual need was an upwards of \$600 to \$700 million, but they have tiered it with the benefit with help of the community committee that is roughly made up of 50 people. These people are business folks, parents, elected officials, and representatives from all parts of our school system. All geographical parts. Our operations and maintenance outline all of the need and then the prioritized them. The ultimate recommendation that came from that group was again, the \$260,340+ million. That equates to \$1.82, per month, for every \$100,000 dollars of home that you own. This is at the high end, by the time that they get there, it might actually be lower. The other thing, they wanted to be able to not only get it down below \$2.00, but they wanted to make sure that over the 20 years, we are able to continue to refinance the way that they have been able to in the past.

Dr. Haddad informed the Board of Directors when they passed the \$189,000,000-million-dollar bond, since then they have been able to refinance five (5) times and we have saved taxpayers approximately \$34,000,000 million dollars. We are getting ready to refinance again. His point in telling the board members this is that we will be saving with this bond to refinance as the opportunities present themselves but borrowing as low as it can possibly be.

Dr. Haddad informed the Board of Director the other thing that is happening quite fast is the assessed evaluation is growing. As the assessed evaluation across our 411 square miles grows, then burden on everyone lessens because you have more people putting in and they are putting in less. To give the board members a comparison Boulder Valley, which is a slightly smaller district than ours, went for \$575,000,000 million dollars and Poudre, up to the North and smaller than us, are going for \$350,000,000 million. So when he tells us it is conservative ask in terms of need and size of the school district, it is. They feel good about the perspective of the need is clear and it is, no pun intended, concrete in terms on how the money will be spent.

Dr. Haddad informed the Board of Directors 68 percent of the bond will be specific for growth. This means that they will be adding a wing onto Frederick High School, which is approximately an additional 20 classrooms, building another elementary school in the Carbon Valley area, and building another elementary school (yet to be determined) in the Erie area or in the Carbon Valley area and Mead area as well. We will also be adding onto several other schools for example, Erie High School will be adding on a wing, build a pre k through 8 in Erie, we will be adding a wing onto Mead High School, adding on classroom space to Mead elementary and Mead middle and then another elementary



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school in the Carbon Valley area. That is the build out. We will have safety, which will count as cameras inside and outside of our elementary schools plus double doors that we will have to go through for safety for our student and staff. Then they will have a host of renovations for HVAC systems for heating, ventilation, and cooling. This makes sure that the quality of air is safe for everyone, and roofs that are leaking, and carpets that might have some mold that will have to be renovated. The final piece will be some innovation space as we build out Frederick High School for labs and other types of innovation.

Dr. Haddad commented to the Board of Directors that this is the majority of the bond growth. Another piece for safety. Another piece for renovation and a small piece for innovation space. This is what they are planning to do and what they are hoping is that they would be getting an endorsement from the Carbon Valley Parks and Recreation District Board. To date, they have endorsements from Carbon Valley Chamber of Commerce, Town of Frederick, the Town of Firestone and he will be asking City of Dacono for their endorsement in a couple of weeks. All the mayors from the City of Erie, City of Lyons, Longmont, Mead have all endorsed it. The Area of Economic Councils have endorsed it. He will be going to both senior centers, here in the next two (2) weeks, here in Carbon Valley and in Longmont. He also has most of the parent groups that are behind it and we are excited about it because the need is there and it is the next item of business to launch the St. Vrain Valley School's into the next decade. It is not a "I would like to have" it is an actual need.

Dr. Haddad commented the other thing that he is proud of on the behalf of our Board of Education is all the other districts around us are not only going for a bond, even though they are not growing as much as we are, they are also going for a mill levy override. The majority of them. This is for operating funds. We are not because of the way that we manage our monies. We have plenty of funds to operate our building, to staff them and provide outstanding instructional programming. The way in which we manage our monies is another way we say to our taxpayers we are not taking your support for granted. We then set up a tax and spend model with our school district and that is the model that you see in other school districts. We will just spend everything that we have and then we will tax, over and over again. This is not how we do business in St Vrain. Our community is very supportive in 2008 and in 2012 to get us through the recession, but we are doing very well. Our bond ratings, both in Standard and Poor's have gone way up because of the way we manage our monies. That helps us to bring down our interest rates.

Dr. Haddad commented that he was given the board members a lot of information and will provide the board members with packets, which are not related to the bond, but will show the board members the type of school district that everyone has provided for the children. It is an amazing school district with programs that are being offered to the children unlike anywhere that they will see. It is preschool all the way to 12th grade. They have become the first district in Colorado to be granted an award, it is called P-Tech which is a two (2) year program, where they stay in the high school after the 12th

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grade year and they earn the Associates degree at no charge to the student. This is the kind of programming that we offer our children, right out the gates from preschool all the way to earning a college degree at no cost to the student. When you think about the impact of quality schools in the community, economic development is tied closely with the quality of the schools, safety is tied closely with the quality of the school, our property values (he had someone come up to him the other day and say to him 'my values of my home went way up' and he told them that is good! I know that it raises your taxes but think about it, your primary investment just sky rocketed and that is in large part of the health of this community), the jobs we create and businesses wanting to relocate, it's all tied together. The Carbon Valley Parks and Recreation District is a major portion of this community and a large contributor of this community as well. Therefore, he is here to ask for the support on the bond.

Secretary Childers commented that the school district bond is four (4) parts; building, expansion, security, and innovation. Dr. Haddad commented to Secretary Childers it is increasing the capacity – the building expansion, safety and security, renovation – HVAC Systems and as we build out – it will be built out in a way that there is additional science lab space and innovation space. Secretary Childers asked if the bond will be used to fill those labs, such as smart boards, etc. Dr. Haddad commented yes, it includes the classroom and the equipment as well. Secretary Childers asked about the curriculum development. Dr. Haddad commented to Secretary Childers that curriculum development will not be a part of the bond, it comes from a different budget, which is their operating funds. Secretary Childers commented that Dr. Haddad mentioned about the new schools that will be coming up around this area, is that included into that possible new Christian charter school? Dr. Haddad commented no. We have charter schools but we do not have the private schools.

Treasurer Schoenleber asked about the growth by 800 per year. Dr. Haddad commented to Treasurer Schoenleber that is the trend that they have seen over the last five (5) years. It comes in flows. Treasurer Schoenleber asked what he expected in the next 10 years because he had mentioned earlier the 8,500+, when will they hit that number? Dr. Haddad commented to Treasurer Schoenleber it will be a good 25 years before we hit that, but we are expecting that trend to continue. It is just exploding, there are homes coming up all over the place.

Secretary Childers commented that he is not the best poker player in the world, but Dr. Haddad wants to have the Carbon Valley Parks and Recreation District's board member's endorsement for the same reason that we possibly want to have more growth [expansion] as well. Is there any way, he is not asking for a concrete answer right now and he is speaking for himself and not the board because that has not been discussed; but if our board endorses your bond, can we expect you to endorse us? Dr. Haddad commented for what? Secretary Childers commented for growth – expansion. Dr. Haddad commented if the District were to go for a bond? Secretary Childers commented maybe, right now, we do not have anything set in stone. This whole area is growing and as the schools grow, they will need stuff to do besides school sports as well

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and to do that, we will need to grow as well [the District]. Dr. Haddad commented that he has spoken with Ross Blackmer and they had a meeting a few weeks' back. They discussed strengthening the relationship between the recreation district and the school district, working closely together to provide services and support for our students in our community, while he cannot say today because he does not have the information to fully endorse it, but what he can say to the board members that he is very supportive of the recreation center, he has immense trust in Ross Blackmer, the work that we are doing, and if all things were equal and he didn't find something that caused him to have unknown concern, then he is always in favor of providing more services for students. Dr. Haddad commented that he is not trying to be coy or evasive, it's just he cannot say 100 percent that he would, but he can tell the board members that he is very supportive of the recreation center, very supportive of the growth, and very supportive of the work that we do and unless there is something that surfaced that he did not know about today – then he would be very supportive. Treasurer Schoenleber commented what he believes that Secretary Childers is trying to say is that we do appreciate you guys, the community, and you valuing what we do here as well.

Dr. Haddad commented to be specific with the endorsements, we are not asking for any finances, we're not asking for any work, the only thing that we ask is that if you publish something or talking with people – we could include your name, your organization on the list of people that would show up in the paper for all these people's support.

Vice President Crites commented she did not have a comment but she, personally, would like to pledge her support for your bond. She had the pleasure of hearing from the Legacy principle speak to the Town of Frederick Board of Trustees and she was talking about the September attendance awareness month and it was just incredible to hear that Legacy – she is not sure about the other schools though – but that they have a 97 percent attendance rate. That is just incredible and she has three (3) young kids herself and she sees that the schools desperately need finances just to manage the growth. She certainly pledges her support and is happy to help in any way. Dr. Haddad commented to Vice President Crites he appreciates that a lot.

Director Tippin commented she does not have any children that are school age, but she would also pledge her support. Her philosophy is when her child was in school, everyone else was supporting it, so now it is my turn. I believe that it is a responsibility that we all have. Dr. Haddad commented to Director Tippin he appreciates that as well and believes that too. To your point, the statistics show that in St. Vrain boundaries, 97 percent of all children, Kindergarten through 12 grade, attend a public school. In the United States, it's 90 percent. So when you think of the future of the community and the future of our country, you could make a strong argument that it is dependent – next to parenting – is the most influential institution of public education, he does not know how someone could argue that it is not when you have that many young people moving through the system. It is a huge investment well beyond our time.



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The Board of Directors thanked Dr. Don Haddad for coming out and speaking tonight. They truly appreciated it. Dr. Haddad thanked the board members for their time and will be reaching out to Ross Blackmer for the decision of whether or not the Board of Directors will be endorsing the ballot measure in November.

Treasurer Schoenleber asked President Wingerberg if this was going to be discussed during the next study session or will this be a discussion tonight. Treasurer Schoenleber put a motion on the floor to formally endorse St. Vrain Valley School District's bond measure.

A motion was made to Support St. Vrain Valley School District's Bond Measure by Director Reser; seconded by Vice President Crites.

Discussion:

Treasurer Schoenleber commented he is in favor of supporting the bond measure.

Secretary Childers commented that he is not in favor of supporting the bond measure. Treasurer Schoenleber asked Secretary Childers why he was not in favor of supporting the bond measure. Secretary Childers commented there is already enough and other avenues of finances into the school district and into the schools individually. He agrees with it in part and disagrees with it in part. The growth is there; it is going to happen. The monies for the infrastructure and addition's, is what he does not agree with. He has five (5) children and they are all in St. Vrain Valley School District and in every school, he gets bombarded twice (2) a week, by all their teachers 'hey we need money, we need volunteers, we are doing this fund raiser, we are doing that' and they are not working. The bond is going to make more room, but they are not going to be adequately filled, staffed, furnished and taken care of.

Treasurer Schoenleber commented that he agrees with Secretary Childers on his general assessment on the national level, but as far as what they are asking, what is going into it, the growth and how it is being used, these numbers are very good. He is in support of it and he does agree with Secretary Childers on a grander scale. Secretary Childers commented that his assessment was about the St. Vrain Valley School District, not on a grand scale. Mind you, the entire school district on that side of the county line, all of it. Lyons is underfunded tremendously, even after the flood, they have not taken care of the school. At all and they let it go. They also had the same problem out here too for a while.

Director Reser commented that she totally disagrees with Secretary Childers because she works for St. Vrain Valley School District and she sees the kids from all of these schools in portables. They cannot keep up with the growth. Secretary Childers commented that this is part of the bond that he agrees with, the growth, what he does not agree with is his step-daughters school. The turnover rate for teachers, they have 10 new teachers this year. This is at Carbon Valley Academy and it is a small school.



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Director Reser commented that Carbon Valley Academy is a charter school and it is run by parents. Secretary Childers commented to Director Reser that Carbon Valley Academy is in the St. Vrain Valley School District. His other daughter does to Imagine Charter, which is also in the St. Vrain Valley School District.

Director Reser and Vice President Crites both commented that these are both in the St. Vrain Valley School District and they are both run by parents. Charter schools are run by directors. Secretary Childers commented that he has dealt with all four (4) principles at his children's schools and they have stuff that needs to be answered to the District. Vice President Crites commented of course, but the point is that the Board of Directors would then accept the price of each teacher, they would set the funding for each teacher, they would set the budget and that is set by the Board of Directors and not by the District themselves. Secretary Childers commented he talked to those teachers that have left at his daughter's school and now work elsewhere, is the District not the Board of Directors.

Vice President Crites commented that is very unfortunate and it might be against their by-laws. Director Reser commented that she was not sure. She works with Erie High School, Erie Middle and Elementary and those teachers stick around. Secretary Childers commented he knows about Erie High School because his son attends there. He commented that he gives a considerable amount of money to the football program at Erie High School, but the rest of them he still says no and that is his stance. Again, what the board does at the end we have talked about it, the consensus is there, but that is his stance.

Director Tippin commented that she thinks that the board members should do it. Again, she came from another country into the United States. Every place that she has lived, everyone supported the schools. She went to school and she has a very good education because of that, if they had not done that, she would not have a good education. It is her responsibility to pass that down and she believes yes.

A vote was taken:

Secretary Childers – no, Vice President Crites – yes, Treasurer Schoenleber – yes, Director Tippin – yes, President Wingerberg – yes, Director Reser – yes; the motion was carried.

President Wingerberg informed Ross Blackmer that he can tell Dr. Don Haddad that they Carbon Valley Parks and Recreation district supports their bond measure.

6. Discussion

a. Intent to Adjust the Current Fee Structure of Certain Fees

i. To be effective as of January 1, 2017

ii. To be Published for Public Hearing on October 19, 2016

1. Knowledge Awareness

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Ross Blackmer informed the Board of Directors they have a copy of what he is proposing on fee structures and what he focused on there was the Non-District fees, to bring that more in line.

President Wingerberg asked Ross Blackmer if the fee structure was what he was proposing to them last month at the study session. Ross Blackmer commented to President Wingerberg yes.

Treasurer Schoenleber asked just for his curiosity, he is not arguing at all about it; under the quarterly passes for Non- District, it went up for every group except for family. Is that to entice more families? How come that one did not go up along with the rest? Ross Blackmer commented that he tried to keep that same ratio along each column. That rate, for some reason, was already where it needed to be so we did not change that. Treasurer Schoenleber commented it was different from the others throughout the prices, but now we are kind of balancing it out then. Ross Blackmer commented correct.

Treasurer Schoenleber asked about the 20 punch passes and the monthly passes for Non-District, the prices for the monthly passes are so much lower, but then again you pulled those from comparable in the area and that is the median pricing because it seems a lot less. As a senior, for example, you could use it four (4) times per week but it would be a great difference in price. Ross Blackmer commented correct. Treasurer Schoenleber commented it could be that it is the mind set of those who are buying the 20 punch pass versus the monthly. Ross Blackmer commented yes.

President Wingerberg commented when is the last possible date that we can publish the changes in fee structure for the public hearing? Ross Blackmer commented to President Wingerberg that we have to publish them 30 days to the public before the public hearing. The November meeting would be the last possible change. President Wingerberg commented he was just wondering if they could mingle this in with the other public forum that we are going to have. Treasurer Schoenleber commented this was his other thought as well. This does not have anything to do with budget, this has to do with prices we have already established.

Ross Blackmer informed the Board of Directors in his two (2) years as Executive Director, we have not raised admission fees. He agrees with the point of the perception of the general public saying 'hey, you are double dipping me'. President Wingerberg commented that he does not want the general public getting confused.

b. Town of Frederick

i. Notice to the Public to consider the PDK Investments LLC Annexation

1. Weld County Road 13 Annexation

Ross Blackmer informed the Board of Directors there is a formal request from the Town of Frederick, the property is located near Del Comino. Real property that is located on



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10759 W.C.R. 7, generally south west of the intersection of Aggregate Blvd and State Highway 119.

President Wingerberg asked if there was a down side. Ross Blackmer commented there was no downside. President Wingerberg asked if there was an upside? Ross Blackmer commented it is commercial.

Treasurer Schoenleber asked how much in property taxes does the District collect on commercial? Ross Blackmer commented that he was not sure the dollar figure, but it is 29 percent opposed too residential.

c. October 4, 2016

i. Community Forum and Public Input

Ross Blackmer informed the Board of Directors of the flyer that was located in their packet on the community forum. He believes that Communications and Marketing, Heather Hammarstrom has distributed this flyer and has it up on social media. Again thank you to the board being there on Saturday handing out flyers as well to continue to invite all those people. He will follow up with the Town's and City to make sure that they are aware and get us some representation.

Treasurer Schoenleber asked if Ross Blackmer has heard anything on Nextdoor or anything else as far as people ready to go for this? President Wingerberg commented that he has not seen anything. The one thing that he would ask in dialog would be to drill down on these people to make a statement and o be sure that the board members understand their statement completely. Have some secondary questions just to make sure that we are understanding what they are trying to say. Make sure that their issues are very well understood because you may have a bunch of people trying to say the same thing and it goes right past each other. They could say yellow and mean blue.

Vice President Crites asked if they could talk about adding an additional forum or several forums? Could we talk about adding another one so that at this forum, we can publicly announce when the next one will be? So we can invite them to the next one? Can we come up with a date #2 so that we can invite them to that one after this forum on October 4th?

Vice President Crites wondered if they should do another one in a month, say November? Treasurer Schoenleber commented that he does not have a problem with November.

President Wingerberg commented he had one statement, when do you think that we need to be done and ready to lock and load. Ross Blackmer commented to President Wingerberg he believes that they should have some sort of consensus by December 1st we would be ok. President Wingerberg commented if we are going to go in November of



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2017? Ross Blackmer commented correct. President Wingerberg commented and if we go in May of 2018 then that would be another set? Ross Blackmer commented yes.

Ross Blackmer commented he believes that they should get another community forum in October. You get closer to the holiday's and people get busy with all kinds of things, but that would be my suggestion to the board to think about a later October forum. Two (2) to three (3) week out and getting the momentum going.

President Wingerberg commented that in the November Study Session, it would really be nice to take the census of what the two (2) Towns and City are doing – bond issue wise – for November of 2017. It would be really good to know that we are not stacked up against five (5) others because we need to make that November/May decision also. We should be making that around on how busy it is going to be because he thinks the Town of Firestone is not going to go for a bond for their police department, but I don't know. Ross Blackmer commented no, they are going for a sales tax. President Wingerberg commented it would be nice to get that and I do not know how we are going to get that, but if the board members will talk to their Town/City planners to make sure, but it would really be nice to know what they have racked and stacked for November. We could lose big time because we are fourth (4) in line. That would be nice to know for the November study session.

Ross Blackmer commented that prior to that conversation, he thinks that this board should think about are we going to go for a potential sales tax in each of those Towns/City with a proposal and present to them. Would they buy into that opposed to a mill levy? President Wingerberg asked Ross Blackmer how do we do that? Ross Blackmer commented we would meet with those mayors and leadership and say 'hey, what are your thoughts on a sales tax, you would have to do it for us because we cannot use sales tax, would you be on board as a funding agent for us to build a facility?' President Wingerberg commented so sometime between now and the next board meeting, we should get input from the Towns/City? Ross Blackmer commented yes, but that is his suggestion to the board. His opinion is that we would have more success spreading that across and not have a big hit because we do not know: number one, what the assessed values are. We can go for 3/10th of one (1) cent on a sales tax. He thinks that the three (3) communities may have a better buy in.

Treasurer Schoenleber asked how we are going to do that. Ross Blackmer commented he thinks that we need to talk to the mayors and/or Town Managers. Treasurer Schoenleber asked by meeting, do you mean us and them all at once or a discussion between you and them? Ross Blackmer commented he thinks this needs to be multi-level. Your conversations with your leadership and he will help as well. Ross Blackmer also commented that it would have to be written in an IGA because there would be some work there. Again, he thinks it is a consensus the board needs to think about.

President Wingerberg asked what will need to be in the IGA? Sales tax? Ross Blackmer commented the sales tax.

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Vice President Crites commented would this essentially be a loan from each Town/City? Ross Blackmer commented no. Vice President Crites asked since it is not a loan, there should be no fee involved in actually purposing a sales tax. Ross Blackmer commented correct.

Ross Blackmer commented to the board members the problem here is that we are not a taxing agency per se. Therefore, we would have to go with the Town/City and it would have to say 'we are partnering with the District in a sales tax effort to raise funds for recreation facilities'. Vice President Crites asked if we would need a consensus between all three (3) on the same amount? Ross Blackmer commented yes. Vice President Crites asked if it would be in their opinion to add sales tax or would we be robbing Peter to pay Paul? Would we be taking from one entity to give us something or would they add to sales tax? Or is that at their discretion? Ross Blackmer commented that he does not have a good answer for that. He does not think that we necessarily would be adding or taking from someone else. Vice President Crites commented that she is just trying to figure out if there will be any negative connotations that we could be giving to others in the sense that we are beating around a mill levy to get the money. Is that telling people that we are doing this and this is how we are doing this, is that what it looks like? Ross Blackmer commented that is what it looks like. It is just unusual for a District since we cannot do it on our own, that is why we are trying to partner with the Towns/City.

Ross Blackmer commented he believes that it is a softer blow because when you are talking about a dollar figure, like last year when we were going for \$38 million and it was eight (8) mills, that was surly an objectionable thing. Sitting here in 2016, it does not sound bad if things do not go good in 2017 or 2018, eight (8) mills is going to sound like 18 mills. Again, you are talking about number one (1), sun setting it so it is not perpetual, so that is a sales point. Number two (2) again, it is groceries and gasoline and everything that they buy on a daily basis opposed to that property tax when it comes in.

Treasurer Schoenleber commented so we want to move forward on this and as Ross Blackmer has mentioned this is not going to be accomplished via email before the October 4th forum, why don't we hear what every board member has to say on that and then make a consensus and talk to our Town/City representatives and get back via email. He is in favor of doing this. Vice President Crites asked if he meant asking them for their assistance on a sales tax. Treasurer Schoenleber commented yes.

Director Reser commented that she is the only Firestone representation right now and she would have to do this herself. Ross Blackmer commented to Director Reser that she should propose that the recreation district is coming back at this and that we are taking a different approach, would they be willing to participate? We want to hear your thoughts, what do you have to offer, what would be to your benefit? He also mentioned she could talk about the mill levy being questionable, if there is another avenue that we could pursue? But as an alternative would they be willing to partner (he is not sure if

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partner is a good word) with us in a sales tax initiative that would spread it out all over and not be such a big hit, but generate the funds necessary to build a facility.

President Wingerberg commented that he is all for the Town/City talks, but what about breaching it in the forums. Ross Blackmer commented that he agreed that the board members should. President Wingerberg commented that the Towns/ City are only six (6) or seven (7) people, when we have 60 or 70 in the forums. He would like to really win the forum people over because they vote. So we need to kind of prepare what this looks like in a sheet so that we could present this at a forum, but that might be useful just to get their feelings. He understands that the leadership in the Towns/City may feel one way, but it could be a 180 degrees from how the people feel.

Ross Blackmer commented that he knows exactly how President Wingerberg feels, however, he absolutely will not have anything for them on October 4th. He would have to get that from finance people that know what they are doing.

President Wingerberg commented that they could talk in generalities at first, is it consumption kind of tax, there is a sales tax, there is a property owner tax, and this tax, etc. just to get a comfort level because they will catch their hair on fire with one (1) or two (2) of them.

Treasurer Schoenleber asked President Wingerberg what he is suggesting? Is he suggesting that he would be getting the board members information by the next forum? President Wingerberg commented he does not believe putting a wealth of information is any good, although he would like to get that information going as quickly as possible. If you know what I mean, that is a good feel right there because you are talking about the wounds of 5A and if we are going to be taxing a different way, he would like to get that in front as soon as possible. Maybe the second forum in October would be a good place to do it.

Treasurer Schoenleber commented that is what he was going to recommend. Ross Blackmer would like to do one in October, if we do it in the last week of October – after our next meeting – so that we can get together between the two, it would give Ross more time to figure out the situation, in my opinion. Director Tippin commented that she would agree. Treasurer Schoenleber asked Ross Blackmer if that is doable. Ross Blackmer commented yes.

Vice President Crites asked if October 26 would be good for everyone? Ross Blackmer commented would the board members be willing to look at alternatives, such as a Saturday morning? Secretary Childers asked about October 22, it is a Saturday. Vice President Crites commented she could not do October 22, she would just be flying in. Ross Blackmer asked if the board members would like to have it at the recreational center or if they wanted to see if he could get a room at the Library. Vice President Crites commented the whole point was for people to come to the recreation center and

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feels that if we change the location that it would confuse people as to what date, time and place.

The Board of Directors collectively agreed to do the next community forum at the Carbon Valley Parks and Recreation Center Multi-Purpose Room on October 26, 2016 at 6:30 PM.

7. Reports

a. Executive Director Monthly Report Q & A (report contained in packet) - No comment was made from the Board of Directors on the Executive Directors Report.

Ross Blackmer commented that he would like to point out Guest Services, there was a \$4,000 dollars' difference in the revenues from 2015 to 2016. Our numbers are good as well. It is just drop in and as you can see an increase of 2,800 people, which means that staff is doing a remarkable job.

Vice President Crites commented congratulations on all of our increases. She believes that is directly contributed to your staff.

b. Monthly Employee Newsletter – September – The Board of Directors commented that they thought this issue of the Employee Newsletter was funny with the space cats and Ross Blackmer having laser beams shooting out of his eyes.

Director Tippin commented the lasers coming out of Ross Blackmer's eyes mean that he is focused.

Vice President Crites asked what was up with the cat on pizza and in space. Ross Blackmer commented that Communications and Marketing, Heather Hammarstrom really likes cats. Executive Administrative Assistant, Abbigail Hebert commented that space cat was an internal employee joke that is shared with everyone.

8. Public Comments

David Whalen – Mr. Whalen commented he had a couple of questions and comments. In terms of the fee structure that is being changed, he always wondered how the apartments are incorporated into the District. As individual residents, they are not necessarily paying into property tax as they are renting out the units. He does not know if it is the property itself is paying taxes to the District because of that or if not. If not, then are we considering those folks that are in the apartments as Non-residents when they do not have a building to opt in, as far as he knows. He was just curious on how that works in terms of the structure of Resident and Non-Resident since there are several apartment complexes that are going up. Hopefully that can be addressed on there.

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Mr. Whalen commented in terms of the public forum, he thinks it would be helpful if the information was sent out about the expectations for the public, so people are prepared and know that they have only five (5) minutes to speak or however it is going to be structured. Therefore, there will not be a free for all tied to it and bombarding each of you with questions and people overstepping their bounds in terms of their commented. So maybe information should be sent out a week prior so that people are prepared for that.

Mr. Whalen commented as far as some of the proposals for the way the different funds to be generated for new facilities, he thinks it would be good – even though you don't have any information available as far as the increases in sales taxes and things – to at least have those options available for the public forum just to say 'here is what we are not going to do, but here are the different options that are available'. Like what President Wingerberg was saying, get public input on what they feel might be best. He knows that there are incentives to different individuals if they are part of the District or not. You are asking about Nextdoor, there is a recent post by someone, several times, our neighborhood isn't even in so why are we getting this communication? Especially for a mill levy, everyone is going to have their opportunity to vote on it, it is not just those that are in the District. At least I believe anyways. Those that are not having to pay right now, it would be in favor to say no because they do not want their taxes raised. It might incentivize them with some other options to actually get into District on the individual level.

The Board of Directors thanked Mr. Whalen for his comments and questions.

Ross Blackmer commented that if the board members would look at the apartments, they would be paying Non-District rates. The property owner pays taxes.

President Wingerberg commented we will discuss this, but he has rentals and part of the price that he decides on what rent is, is what taxes he pays, what mortgages he pays, so to some degree rent is a makeup of that. Therefore, it depends on how you look at that. He can just tell the other board members what he does with his rentals, but all of that plays in.

Treasurer Schoenleber commented he understands, but that is when you get into fishy waters.

Vice President Crites commented you, as the property owner, pay tax that we, the recreation district, benefits from. President Wingerberg commented that he pays the bills, the renters pay the tax. He would like to further discuss, but he – as a renter – decides what the rent will be.

Vice President Crites commented that there have been recent comments on Nextdoor, particularly about the forum, where someone had said 'why are you telling me about this forum, I'm not even in the District'. She said 'once you commented on what I have

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commented on, you automatically get communication'. She appreciates that she said it so eloquently, but she thinks it is important that those opportunities that Heather Hammarstrom has the authority from Ross Blackmer to say 'you know, here is the benefit from you becoming a district member'. Heather did encourage them to, but she would have loved to see Heather throw out the cost difference. Is that possible? Can you give Heather that authority to say 'you would save so much money a year to be a part of this District'. Heather did a great job, but if she knows that she has the authority to pass out those numbers, she thinks that would be incredible.

Ross Blackmer commented that Heather Hammarstrom certainly does.

President Wingerberg commented the short answer to that lady's question is that Nextdoor is based on geography, it's not based on whether or not you are in the Recreation District.

9. Board Comments

None.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Treasurer Schoenleber; this was seconded by Director Tippin to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM.

READ AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2016

Roger Wingerberg, President

ATTEST:

Cody Childers, Secretary