

**FEATHER RIVER RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Feather River Recreation and Park District was held at 5:30 p.m. at South Feather Water and Power Agency located at 2310 Oro-Quincy Hwy. in Oroville, California.**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

5:30 PM

**ROLL CALL:**

Chairman TJ Jensen	<u>✓</u>
Vice Chairman Bob Sharkey	<u>✓</u>
Director John Allen	<u>✓</u>
Director Loren Gill	<u>✓</u>
Director Jan Hill	<u>✓</u>

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**I. HEARING SESSION**

**A. FEATHER RIVER RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT 2020 MASTER PLAN.**

The Board of Directors received comment from **Mark Bracket** of Oroville. He had questions concerning Community Gardening and the fact that it was only mentioned once on Page 22 of Chapter 4. He said other Park and Recreation Districts in Redding and Sacramento have Community Gardening as a viable form of recreation. Director Gill informed Mr. Bracket that the Plan is reviewed annually in January and changes could be made at that time.

**Greg Melton** of Land Image Landscape Architects and Planners of Chico, California was available for questions. Director Sharkey had one minor change to make on the acknowledgment page. He noted that Greg Griffin does not have the title of Park Superintendent and wanted that changed. He felt the rest of the Master Plan was thorough and they had done a good job.

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time the Board extended the courtesy of the Hearing Session to interested parties who wished to speak on items not on the agenda.

**DC JONES** of Oroville, recommended to Board President, T.J. Jensen to read just the left hand side of the agenda or darkened area to help shorten the time of the meeting.

**MIKE HOWARD** of Oroville, reported on the Airport Fly-In that is scheduled for August 20, 2011. They have indoor booth space in the large hangars. He suggested that the Feather River Recreation and Park District could have a booth there to show off what we offer. There will also be a lot of participation from the Young Eagles and Civil Air Patrol.

## II. ACTION SESSION

### A. GENERAL FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD

1. Approved minutes of the March 22, 2011 regular Board meeting.

On the recommendation of the General Manager, it was moved by Director Sharkey and seconded by Director Gill that the Board approve the minutes of the March 22, 2011 regular Board meeting, as presented to Board members in Appendix A.

VOTE: Ayes: 5 Noes:      Abstain:     

2. Interviewed and Appointed one of the two Candidates for the Benefit Assessment District Oversight Committee

The District received applications from the following individuals: **D.C. Jones and Fred Knaus**  
The Board may appoint other individuals to fill one or more of the three vacant positions on the Oversight Committee should there not be sufficient applicants.

It was moved by Director Sharkey and seconded by Director Allen that Fred Knaus be appointed to serve as a member of the Benefit Assessment District Oversight Committee for a four-year term ending March 30, 2015.

VOTE: Ayes: 5 Noes:      Abstain:     

It was moved by Director Gill and seconded by Director Hill that D.C. Jones be appointed to serve as a member of the Benefit Assessment District Oversight Committee for a four-year term ending March 30, 2015.

VOTE: Ayes: 2 Noes: 3 Abstain:       
Motion failed for lack of affirmative vote.

### B. PERSONNEL

1. **Approved Termination of Referee**

On the recommendation of the General Manager, it is moved by Director Gill and seconded by Director Allen that the Board approve the termination of a referee for failure to report to assigned and scheduled duties in a timely manner.

VOTE: Ayes: 5 Noes:      Abstain:     

2. **Approved Employment of Pre-School Teacher**

On the recommendation of the General Manager, it was moved by Director Sharkey and seconded by Director Gill that the Board approve the employment of **Thao Nhu Nguyen** as a pre-school teacher, effective from March 28, 2011 to be paid at the rate of \$10.00 per hour for four (4) hours per day.

VOTE: Ayes: 4 Noes: 1 Abstain:

3. **Employment of Gymnastics Coach (Girls) not approved.** On the recommendation of the General Manager, it was moved by Director Allen and seconded by Director Gill that the Board approve the employment of **Clistie Makenna Acosta** as a 1½ hour per day gymnastics coach for girls, effective from April 13, 2011 to be paid at the rate of \$8.00 per hour.

VOTE: Ayes:   2   Noes:   3   Abstain:       
Motion failed for lack of affirmative vote.

4. **Approved Layoff of Clerical Personnel** On the recommendation of the General Manager, it was moved by Director Sharkey and seconded by Director Gill that the Board approve a two hours per day reduction in force of clerical time by laying off **Jeneca Brandt**, effective May 1, 2011. Ms. Brandt will continue to perform other employment duties.

VOTE: Ayes:   5   Noes:      Abstain:     

### C. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

1. **Accepted Donations** On the recommendation of the General Manager, it was moved by Director Sharkey and seconded by Director Hill that the Board accept the following donations for the summer camp program:

\$ 100.00 from Taco Bell, Oroville;  
\$ 100.00 from Better Deal Exchange, Oroville;  
\$ 400.00 raised at Miss Peggy's Dance Recital

VOTE: Ayes:   5   Noes:      Abstain:     

2. **Approved Accounts Payable and Ratified Warrants** On the recommendation of the General Manager, it was moved by Director Gill and seconded by Director Hill that the Board approve the Accounts Payable as presented in Appendix B, and the Warrants as presented in Appendix C.

VOTE: Ayes:   5   Noes:      Abstain:     

There was discussion as to why there was no balance sheet submitted. Dr. Remley stated that it was not needed to approve the accounts payable and ratify warrants. Dr. Remley said he is always asked why the "Benefit Assessment District" financials are in the balance sheet and it is because all our finances are in one account. If you take it off the balance sheet then it will not balance and he refuses to "tweek" the figures to make it work. Dr. Remley and Lorraine Tassi have met with the County Auditors office to get this straightened out. At the next Board meeting they would like to get authorization to start this procedure to be ready for the new fiscal year.

Vice Chairman Sharkey would like it on record that he would like to see the financials and documents associated with the gym. He is also requesting to hear about the [Computer] "Server Problem" dating back to the Fall of 2010. He is also requesting to see the information relating to the Cal-Pers payments made for employees that had not been enrolled last year.

**Chairman Jensen called for a 5 minute recess at 7:20 pm  
The meeting was reconvened at 7:29 pm**

**3. Financial Reports Not Approved**

On the recommendation of the General Manager, it was moved by Director Allen and seconded by Director Hill that the Board approve the following financial reports:

(a) Profit and Loss Report (FRRPD only) as of March 31, 2011, and presented in Appendix D;

(b) Profit and Loss Report (FRRAC only) as of March 31, 2011, and presented in Appendix E: and,

VOTE: Ayes: 2 Noes: 3 Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_  
The vote failed for lack of a positive vote.

Director Sharkey questioned the interest being on the wrong P&L. Typically principal is on the balance sheet. Director Sharkey had questions on how much money was being spent on each program for example: flyers going out to advertise.

Director Sharkey would not approve the reports because they are not clear, they're fuzzy. He does not feel the expenses are broken down properly. Chairman Jensen feels it's clear that the gym isn't making money.

Don suggested to the board that they bring their question to staff members in advance so staff can have the answers for them and be prepared.

## **C. MASTER PLANNING, GRANTS AND PROPOSALS**

### **1. A resolution of the Feather River Recreation and Park District Board of Directors was approved for the District's 2020 Master Plan**

#### **Adopted Resolution 1153-11**

On the recommendation of the General Manager, it was moved by Director Allen and seconded by Director Gill that the Board adopt Resolution 1153-11 (Appendix F) to approve the 2020 Park & Recreation Master Plan as revised by Land Image and presented to the Board.

VOTE: Ayes: 5 Noes:      Abstain:       
Approved with one change suggested by Director Sharkey concerning a title change on the acknowledgement page. (Park Superintendent to Park Supervisor)

## **III. COMMITTEE, DIRECTORS, & MANAGERS REPORTS**

### **A. DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

1. Director Allen – Director Allen visited the Wildflower Festival and saw that there were a lot of people there so he headed up on Table Mountain to view it. It's good if a program makes a profit but also if it brings a lot of people to the community. Director Allen recommended that Parks and Rec needs to go to the bike park and auditorium to see how they are being used and how they are doing. He said Friday and Wednesday mornings are good for him to do a tour.
2. Director Gill – The Wildflower Festival was a success. Next year the Wildlife Area wants to join us and the Audubon Society was interested in being a co-sponsor. They have a grant available so Director Gill will want to have a meeting with them. The Business Showcase was good as well as the Open House at the Activity Center. Loren saw Jack Weir from the Oro West Racket Club. He teaches exercised to adults and would like to use the floor in the main gym. He has a good following and can make some money. Director Gill also wanted to clarify about buying the gym. The cost was \$3.4 million for the property and an additional \$100,000 for inventory, was not just for the van. It was for the entire inventory in the building. Director Gill would also like to add to the next agenda that the Board discuss their stipend for the rest of the year. Please place under Discussion.
3. Director Hill – Director Hill just wanted to reiterate that this is the only time that the Board meets all together. The Wildflower Festival was enjoyed tremendously. People from out of state have enjoyed the festival and the rocks of our area. I hope we will be able to replace the sand washed away on the beach. In reference to the the meeting with the [computer] server issue, a statement was put out by Sheryl Manies apologizing for that. It was not something that the Board would have done intentionally.
4. Vice Chairman Sharkey – Mr. Sharkey would like to know what the status is with the Hart's Mill Project. Director Gill said that he had been in contact with Supervisor Bill Connelly and that Butte County has taken it to Sacramento. There is no definitive movement on the project as of today. Mr. Sharkey stated that the Park and Rec committee hasn't had an opportunity to look at the soccer area or the skate and bike park to recommend or find out what's transpiring.
5. Chairman Jensen - Chairman Jensen would like to call a Park and Rec Committee meeting to discuss the status of the Municipal Auditorium, the status of the soccer snack bar, the skate park and the tennis courts. He does not want to schedule a Finance Committee meeting until they've met with the Benefit Assessment District Committee and has done due diligence with the County. We need balance sheets and to get them clarified. Chairman Jensen and Don Remley attended a joint meeting with the City of Oroville and Butte County and had some good discussion. Chairman Jensen was also

asked to meet with the City of Oroville and Don Remley attended at Mr. Jensen's request. The City was under the impression that the District didn't care about certain facilities. Don Remley explained the situation the District is in and it was a good meeting.

**B. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT** – Don Remley gave a written report to the Board. The tennis courts do have new nets that were put up last August. Some lights need to be replaced and/or redirected. The City of Oroville and the District are working together on facilities. We've had a busy two weeks. The Wildflower Festival is estimated to have drawn about 400 people and the Spring Fling Open House estimated to have had about 500 people attend. We were represented at the Business Showcase. We have been putting out news releases and have had front page coverage in Sacramento and locally. At the next meeting Bruce Kerns and Oreck Harrington will be here to make their presentation. At that time the Board needs to decide to move forward or not. Dr. Remley expressed concern over the no votes that the Board continues to make that do not help promote growth of the programs to bring in more revenue. At the mention of cutting a program because of not hiring a gymnastics coach, Chairman Jensen took offense at being blamed for that. Don Remley tendered his resignation. He had fulfilled his 3 month period that he originally agreed to with the Board. He felt he can no longer do anything else for the District with the direction the Board is taking.

#### **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

**LENA CORREA** – Spoke to the response of Chairman Jensen being emotional, frustrated and non-professional.

**DOLLY TUNSTALL** - Spoke to the frustration of wanting to cut employees and then hire new employees

**JERRY WILLIAMS** – Spoke to the frustration of the budget and whether we are going to exist or not. Everything the Board does will make us sink or swim. Mr. Remley has done a fantastic almost impossible job. He hopes Don Remley stays with us.

**LISA DELABY** – It's a very tough job to bring transparency. Bringing Don Remley on the job was a good idea. She wants to commend the Board. It's not a rosy picture. Is gymnastics making money or not? Decisions were made right or wrong to purchase the building so make it work.

#### **C. STAFF REPORT**

1. Greg Griffin, Park Maintenance Supervisor – Reviewed day to day operations.

#### **D. CORRESPONDENCE**

Article in March, 2011 edition of Technique Journal, "Gymnastics Builds Brains and Bodies" by Debra Wilson and Marcia Carter.

### **IV. CLOSED SESSION**

#### **A. ENTERED INTO CLOSED SESSION**

The Board will recessed into Closed Session at 9:10 p.m.to discuss the following:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 – Employee Negotiations. The Board will be joined in Closed Session by Dr. Donald Remley, General Manager and Labor Negotiator.

**B. ADJOURNED CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session was adjourned at 9:29 p.m. and the Board returned into Open Session

No action was taken.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

**A. ADJOURNMENT**

The Board Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

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Board Chairman, T.J. Jensen

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Interim Asst. General Manager, Shawn Brandt