

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

Friday, October 7, 2011 at p.m.

APPROVED MINUTES

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Good evening. We will reconvene into open session at 5:49. Please stand for pledge of allegiance

ROLL CALL (not recorded)

Chairman Jensen	_____
Vice Chairman Sharkey	_____
Director John Allen	_____
Director Loren Gill	_____
Director Hill	_____

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. HEARING SESSION

At this time the Board will extend the courtesy of the Hearing Session to interested parties who wish to speak on items not on the agenda. State law prohibits the Board from taking action on any item presented if it is not listed on the agenda, except under special circumstances as defined in the Government Code. **You may be limited to three (3) minutes.**

At this time there are no announcements for Items 1, 2, 3 or 4 out of closed session. We will go right into the hearing session of the agenda.

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to speak on items on this agenda may do so at the time the item is called and the Chairperson opens discussion to the public. When you wish to speak, you must wait to be recognized by the Chairperson and, prior to addressing the issue give your name and address for the record. **You may be limited to three (3) minutes.**

August Lincoln - Here concerning the recall of the Board. I have a few questions.

What were the allegations in the Oroville Mercury? Want to be sure for myself if it's true if you can answer yes or no.

First question: Does the Board support nepotism?

All Board members responded that they have no relatives working for the District.

Second question: Expenditure of 60,000 in three months for attorney's fees without justification?

Third question: The hiring of Susan Martin, is it true, the allegations?

Ms. Williams: Was it my understanding that the agendas would be posted on the website? I think for a regular meeting – it is supposed to be 72 hours and if it is special meeting you are supposed to give notice of 24 hours before the meeting. Did I miss it? The legal requirement is that documents must be posted 72 hours in advance for regularly scheduled meetings and 24 hours for special meetings. According to the Brown Act, they have to be posted at the district not on the website. They are posted on the website out of courtesy. Discussion about posting agendas on the website as opposed to the district offices.

II. ACTION SESSION

A. CONSENT AGENDA

B. ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

C. GENERAL FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD

1. APPROVE RESOLUTION 1168-11 FOR APPROVING THE RIVERBEND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH RODRIGUEZ LANDSCAPING

On the recommendation of the General Manager, it is moved by Director Allen and seconded by Vice Chair Sharkey that the Board approve making revisions to the contract, direct General Manager to revise the contract, run it by counsel (Sara Knowles) and then Board authorizes the General Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the Board

VOTE: Ayes: 3 Noes: 2 Abstain:

Discussion from the audience:

Mark Brackett – has a problem with chemicals that are used. Research grants that support changing from synthetic chemicals to organic.

Frank Cuny - spoke about his volunteer experience and that he is on the Board for the Work Training Center and organic pesticides.

Virgil Gage – 46% of budget is salary. 7 people budgeted to maintain fields. Something has to be cut. Cannot continue this kind of spending.

Susan Warfield – Is there a legal reason we can't use incarcerated people? We do use volunteers in other ways. They work on bike trails.

Robert Floyd – Gave a history of lawn maintenance. Applauds Rodriguez Landscaping.

Mary Williams – We should have the people on staff to maintain the parks.

Sharon Gill - Since price went down in the contract, what is he not doing? Scott just negotiated a lower price.

DC Jones – The work for the first month is being done and it needs to be paid. The contract has to be month-month and has to have 30-day notice. 30-day notice should be given in October. This should be taken care of.

Unknown - Why isn't Rodriguez here? Why isn't there an employee's representative here? Had question about "all" trees in contract.

Vera Roth - Is contract going to be re-written?

Chris Poblano – Rodriguez Landscaping is a very generic contract. Should specify how many feet it covers.

Jean Pratt – Asked about parks supervisor and the need for one. Asked about legal counsel contract.

Discussion amongst the Board members about possible changes to the contract.

III. ADJOURNMENT

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The Board Chairman adjourned the meeting at _____ p.m.

The rest of the items on the agenda will have to go on another agenda. Some Board members had to leave.