

EUREKA COUNTY RECREATION BOARD
Regular Meeting 10:00 A.M.
June 5, 2023

PRESENT

Elmer Porter
Darlene Moody
Robin Hicks
Natosha Cluggage
Rich McKay

Kim Todd, Eureka County Comptroller

VISITORS

Jim Ithurralde
Annie Allred
Garney Damele
Winnona Eversgerd
Kim Russell

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Chairman Elmer Porter called the meeting to order at approximately 10:03 a.m.

Agenda Item #2 – Approve Agenda. (For Possible Action)

Member Hicks asked if Agenda Item #8 regarding the VFW request could be moved prior to #7.

Action – Motion made by Rich McKay, seconded by Robin Hicks to approve the agenda with changes for the regular meeting of June 5, 2023 as read. Motion carried by all voting aye.

Agenda Item #3 - Public Comment & Discussion. (Discussion)

None.

Agenda Item #4 – (Review of Financial Status of Recreation Board. (Discussion)

Kim Todd, Comptroller reviewed the financial reports: Recreation Fund \$65,423.92, Capital Outlay \$30,000.00, and Tourism Fund \$7,582.53.

Kim further reported on receipts received from events that have taken place and noted some are still outstanding or events have not taken place. In addition, \$10K of the \$20K grant funds previously awarded have not been received from the EBN.

Member McKay noted that he will inquire about the \$10K with the EBN Treasurer.

Agenda Item #5 – Correspondence. (Discussion)

None.

***Agenda Item #6 – Review & Approve Minutes of Special Meeting April 18, 2023.
(For Discussion/Possible Action)***

Chairman Porter reviewed the minutes from the special meeting held in April.

Action – Motion made by Darlene Moody, seconded by Natosha Cluggage to approve the minutes of Special Meeting April 18, 2023 as read. Motion carried by all voting aye.

***Agenda Item #8 – Eureka VFW – Elden Allred, Ralph Cuda, Jim Ithurrealde
Requesting \$4,500.00 to help with expenses for officials, T-shirts, trophies, and related
expenses as outlined in the budget for the 37th Annual Mid-Summer Classic Softball
Tournament July 15-16, 2023. Last year \$4,050.00 of the request for \$4,500.00 was approved.
(For Discussion/Possible Action)***

Jim Ithurrealde and Annie Allred on behalf of the Eureka VFW approached the Board to discuss their request of \$4,500.00. This year, eight teams have registered thus far and they are hoping for twelve total. Board members previously received the Donation Request form and budget for this request.

Following a brief discussion regarding reducing requests by 10% and declining revenue in room tax, it was determined to approve the same amount as last year.

Action – Motion made by Rich McKay, seconded by Darlene Moody to fund the request from the Eureka VFW at a 10% reduction from \$4,500.00 to \$4,050.00, Recreation Fund, to help with expenses for officials and trophies for the annual softball tournament scheduled July 15-16, 2023. Motion carried by all voting aye.

***Agenda Item #7 - NV State Old-Time Fiddlers' – Kim Russell
Report on the fiddlers' event that was held May 12-13, 2023. (Discussion Only)***

Kim Russell who sponsors the NV Old-Time Fiddler's contest approached the Board to report on this year's event. Kim noted that the event is more of a recreational event than tourism.

Action – None.

***Agenda Item #9 - Eureka Restoration Enterprise – Garney Damele
Requesting \$10,200.00 to help sponsor annual wine walk, art, and music festival scheduled
September 16, 2023. Funds will be used for a band, purchase of glasses, prize monies, and
many necessary fees as outlined in budget associated with the event. Last year \$8,100.00 of the
request for \$9,000.00 was approved. (For Discussion/Possible Action)***

Garney Damele of Eureka Restoration Enterprise approached the Board to discuss her request of \$10,200.00. Garney reviewed activities scheduled for the wine walk including new additions. She also explained that the proceeds are used for restoration purposes. Board members previously received the Donation Request form and budget for this request.

Board members expressed support to the event and noted it's success; however, with declining revenue from room tax they feel it's necessary to reduce the request by 10%.

***Action** – Motion made by Rich McKay, seconded by Robin Hicks to fund the request from Garney Damele of Eureka Restoration Enterprises at a 10% reduction from \$10,200.00 to \$9,180.00, \$7,000.00 Recreation Fund and \$2,180.00 Tourism Fund, to help sponsor the annual wine walk scheduled for September 16,2023. Motion carried by all voting aye.*

Agenda Item #10 – Eureka Restoration – Garney Damele

Requesting \$10,000.00 to help renovate the ground level floor of the building that would be Transformed into a usable Main Street store and classroom. This is in collaboration with the Eureka Masonic Lodge. This is a new request. (For Discussion/Possible Action)

Garney Damele and Winnona Eversgerd approached the Board to provide information regarding this new request of \$10,000.00. A brief slide show was presented outlining the budget, timeline for restoration repairs, etc. They further provided detailed information regarding plans for opening a crafting space in which homemade items would be for sale, sewing/quilting classes and much more. Board members previously received the Donation Request form and budget for this request.

A lengthy discussion was held to include using recreation funds for the restoration of a building being used for profit and that may include recreational purposes. Board members are supportive of the concept; however, have some concerns about funding the project in its entirety.

***Action** – Motion made by Robin Hicks, seconded by Natosha Cluggage to fund the request from Eureka Restoration at a reduced amount of \$5,000.00, Recreation Fund, to be expended by June 30, 2023. Motion carried by Robin Hicks, Natosha Cluggage, Rich McKay, and Elmer Porter voting aye. Darlene Moody abstained from voting due to her involvement with the project.*

Agenda Item #11 - Perdiz Sport Shooting – Jerry White

Requesting \$3,500.00 to award prize monies for the annual Walk A Bout shoot scheduled for August 4-6, 2023. Last year \$3,150.00 of the request for \$3,500.00 was approved. (For Discussion/Possible Action)

This item was postponed until Jerry White could be present.

Agenda Item #12 - Eureka Juvenile Probation – Steve Zimmerman

Requesting \$600.00 to pay for lodging and meals for coaches assisting with summer volleyball camp scheduled for July 31-August 2, 2023. Previously in 2019, request of \$1,000.00 was approved for several different sports camps. (For Discussion/Possible Action)

Steve Zimmerman was unable to attend in person; however, called in to discuss his request for \$600.00. He further provided information regarding the volleyball camp scheduled for July 31-August 2, 2023. Board members previously received the Donation Request form and budget for this request.

***Action** – It was moved by Robin Hicks, seconded by Darlene Moody to approve the request from Steve Zimmerman on behalf of Eureka Juvenile Probation for \$600.00, Recreation Fund, to pay for lodging and meals for coaches assisting with the volleyball camp. Motion carried by all voting aye.*

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Jerry White, Range Master of Perdiz Sport Shooting, approached the Board to discuss his request of \$3,500.00. Jerry explained that funds are used for awards and expenses toward sponsoring annual event. Just as a sidenote, Jerry said that there were 167 shooters attending the annual FFA event. Previously the Board received the Donation Request Form and budget for all these events.

Following a brief discussion regarding declining revenue, Board members determined that the request would be reduced by ten percent.

***Action** – Motion made by Darlene Moody, seconded by Natosha Cluggage to approve the request from Jerry White of Perdiz Sport Shooting at a 10% reduction from \$3,500.00 to \$3,150.00, Recreation Fund, to pay for awards and other expenses for the Walk A Bout shoot scheduled August 4-6, 2023. Motion carried by all voting aye.*

Agenda Item #13 - Eureka County Recreation Board

Review and approve letter to all payers of room tax. (For Discussion/Possible Action)

Board members were provided a copy of the draft letter that would be mailed to all lodging owners. Member McKay further explained that the letter follows Nevada Revised Statutes.

It was suggested to add language that owners could be audited at any time. In addition, Example #2 would be deleted from the letter.

***Action** – Motion made by Robin Hicks, seconded by Natosha Cluggage to approve the letter to all payers of room tax with changes: adding language that room tax payers could be audited at any time and deleting Example #2. Motion carried by all voting aye.*

Agenda Item #14 - Eureka County Recreation Board – Dana Fruend, Events Coordinator

Requesting funding for the following events:

Requesting \$1,300.00 for advertising in the Eureka Star newspaper. This is a new request. (For Discussion/Possible Action)

Dana Fruend, Events Coordinator, provided handouts to the Board which consisted of her monthly reports, list of upcoming events, and Donation Request forms and budgets.

Dana discussed a new request for \$1,300.00. She went on to explain that funds would be used for advertising weekly in the new Eureka Star newspaper.

***Action** – Motion made by Rich McKay, seconded by Darlene Moody to approve the new request from Dana Fruend for \$1,300.00, Tourism Fund, to pay for advertising in the Eureka Star newspaper. Motion carried by all voting aye.*

Requesting \$5,978.00 for printing and shipping charges for the Eureka Living Visitors Guides. Previously December 2021 requested \$1,200.00 for the cover page and inside full-page. (For Discussion/Possible Action)

Dana informed the Board that after researching companies to produce the visitors' guide, the Review Journal in Las Vegas was the least expensive to print 2500 guides.

Chairman Porter expressed concerns regarding the combination of personal business and the tourism director position. He noted that there needs to be full disclosure between the two positions.

In addition, Board members were not supportive of the cannabis advertisement in the guide and requested that be removed.

Discussion followed regarding working as the Events Coordinator being combined with personal tourism business was held. Points of interest was full disclosure, keeping personal business separate from the position of coordinator, etc.

***Action** – Motion made by Rich McKay, seconded by Darlene Moody to approve the request from Dana Freund, Events Coordinator, for \$5,978.00, Recreation Fund, to pay for printing and shipping charges for the Eureka Living Visitor’s Guide with the removal of the cannabis advertisement. Motion carried by all voting aye.*

Requesting \$3,000.00 to help fund music, prizes, catering, and poetry gathering for Arts in the Park scheduled for July 28, 2023. This event has been previously funded. (For Discussion/Possible Action)

Dana asked to withdraw this request.

Requesting \$4,000.00 to help pay expenses for advertising, photo contest, prizes, meals, and welcome bags for the Annual Great Eureka Ghost Hunt scheduled for October 20-22, 2023. Last year requested \$3,000.00. (For Discussion/Possible Action)

Dana discussed her request of \$4,000.00 to sponsor the ghost hunt. She reviewed her budget for the event and went on to say a larger crowd is expected for this year.

***Action** – Motion made by Darlene Moody, seconded by Rich McKay to approve the request from Dana Freund, Events Coordinator, for \$4,000.00, Recreation Fund, to sponsor the Great Eureka Ghost Hunt scheduled for October 20-22, 2023. Motion carried by all voting aye.*

Agenda Item #15 - Eureka Recreation Board

Discussion regarding with Dana Freund regarding self-evaluation. (For Discussion Only)

Chairman Porter provided a generic self-evaluation form in which Dana could complete. He noted that she could use her own form as well. This form is not a requirement, its sole purpose to be used as a self-help tool.

***Action** – None.*

Agenda Item #16 - Eureka Recreation Board

All matters related to July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2024 contract in the amount of \$65,000.00 for Dana Freund, Events Coordinator. (For Discussion/Possible Action)

Board members and Dana discussed her contract in which a new document needs to be drafted for signing. Dana noted that she does want to continue her position for 2023-2024.

***Action** – Motion made by Rich McKay, seconded by Darlene Moody to approve a contract for Dana Freund, Events Coordinator, from July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$65,000.00. Chairman Porter will sign the contract outside the meeting. Motion carried by all voting aye.*

***Agenda Item #17 - Eureka County Recreation Board & Dana Freund, Events Coordinator
*Update on information received regarding the baseball field, Interlocal Agreement.
(For Discussion/Possible Action)***

Chairman Porter provided a copy of the 1997 Joint Use Agreement between Eureka County and Eureka County School District.

Discussion followed regarding the two entities updating the agreement and then pursuing improvements to the baseball field.

Action – None.

Update on tourism events.

Dana updated the Board on the car show along with its affiliation with Hot August Nights series. She went on to talk about Frank Goodman, representing BLM, and riders have been mapping trails. Next, she reported that on the VFW park and plans to meet with Elden Allred to discuss any available grants.

Agenda Item #18 - *Public Comment & Discussion. (Discussion)

None.

Agenda Item #19 - Review Funds Expended and Set Next Meeting Date. (Discussion)

Funds expended were as follows: FY 2023 Recreation Fund \$10,978.00 ending fund balance \$54,445.92 Tourism Fund \$1,300.00 ending fund balance \$6,282.53 and Capital Outlay Fund remains \$30,000.00, FY 2024 funds expended Recreation Fund \$18,800.00 and Tourism Fund \$2,180.00.

Members of the Recreation Board discussed the next meeting date and tentatively scheduled Tuesday, September 12, 2023 starting the meeting at 9:00am.

Agenda Item #20 - Adjournment. (For Possible Action)

Action - Motion made by Robin Hicks, seconded by Darlene Moody to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by all voting aye.

Meeting Adjourned

EUREKA COUNTY RECREATION BOARD

Secretary