

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
PARACHUTE/BATTLEMENT MESA PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT**

Monday, March 17, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.

Grand Valley Recreation Center, 398 Arroyo Drive
Battlement Mesa, CO 81635

ATTENDEES

Directors present: Adam Ford, President

Vincent Tomasulo, Secretary

Amber Palcer, Vice President

Karen Hamick, Treasurer

Others present:

Doug Choate, District Manager

Ashely Rothe, Director of Golf Maintenance

Ken Overmeyer, Director of Parks and Trails

Mary Ochs, Director of Golf

Steve Matzl, Director Recreation Center and Programs

Rachel Miles, Director of Food and Beverage

Public present:

See sign in sheet.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Attendance and Agenda: The meeting was called to order by President Ford at 5:30 pm, and a quorum was noted. Vice President Palcer made a motion to approve the agenda presented. Secretary Tomasulo seconded the motion. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Minutes: The Manager provided the Minutes from the February 17th, 2025, Board meeting. There were no corrections to the Board Minutes. Treasurer Hamick made a motion to accept the Minutes, with Vice President Palcer seconding said motion. The Minutes were unanimously approved and signed. Secretary Tomasulo made a motion to approve Asst. VP Goad's absence, Vice President Palcer seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Public Comment: A Community member asked if the board had a grant writing organization and inquired about a conceptual timeline for the projects. The board advised that they have resources available to help with grant writing and that spring of 2026 was a tentative date for the projects to start. The Community member also inquired about the amount of public input on the Master Plan surveys. The board stated that they attempted to solicit as much public input as possible and that there were numerous opportunities for public input, but the level of participation was limited.

FINANCIAL MATTERS – Consent Agenda

Finance Manager's Report

Payment of Claims/Accounts Payable

Statement of Net Position

Statement of Activities Budget to Actual

Treasurer Hamick asked about advertising costs associated with the Facebook account. District Manager Choate explained the costs, and they advertised this way last year with a very good response from the public. Secretary Tomasulo made a motion to approve Financial Matters. Vice President Palcer seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Master Plan Update: Ashley Hejzmanek from Design Workshop presented the draft master plan document and introduced her team and the individuals who contributed to the plan. The team presented information about which facilities had a higher emphasis in the overall study. They suggested phase one focus on safety and deferred maintenance. Included in the overall safety assessment were the guardrails in the gymnasium and near the racquetball courts, electrical safety issues throughout the building, and the chemical and mechanical rooms for the aquatic facility. Cracks in the patio, base of the building, and back of the gym will need to be repaired regardless of any other maintenance issues being done so the building can continue to be a useful asset. Additional maintenance requirements are exterior paint, replace windows that are fogging due to moisture issues, and replacing fire doors with glass fire doors. Phase two will consist of an aquatic's addition and renovation. Phase three would be a new mechanical room and equipment due to the equipment being 40 years old and at the end of its useful lifespan. The current hot tub is a residential grade tub nearing the end of its life cycle and should be replaced with a commercial grade tub. Renovation of the outdoor play area would consist of making it a true outdoor play area and have amenities for all ages. Enhanced safety measures would be needed as part of the renovation due to the increase in the size of the facility. Phase three would focus on weights, fitness, classroom, and support space, and building a new two-story facility. The overall estimated cost is over 70 million dollars to complete all the phases. The Board will commit to providing District Manager Choate with all their feedback by April 17th. A workshop is scheduled for March 25th at 5:30pm.

Monument Gulch: District Manager Choate stated an MOU was signed with the Battlement Mesa Metro District for the donation of Monument Gulch. The PBMPRD will pay for any fees incurred for the donation. There is a one-acre parcel with-in the ninety-seven acres that will be assessed into the Town of Parachute. Then they will take out five acres to incorporate the pump station and the remaining acres will be donated to the Recreation District.

Board Workshop Schedule: Workshop June 20, 2025

OPERATIONS – DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Battlement Mesa Golf Club: Director Ochs stated that due to weather, the golf course was only able to open for one day in February. Director Ochs noted March is starting very well. Director Ochs is in contact with Western Slope Suites regarding a stay-and-play package currently featured on their website. Director Ochs is hoping for more options in the area. Director Ochs stated that the golf course is currently using a starter, which is helping to improve the pace of play.

Director of Golf Maintenance: Director Rothe stated the restaurant's walk-in cooler and dry storage were completed today, and she requested the final inspection be conducted. The beverage cart storage is complete, and the new beverage cart is expected to arrive in approximately one week. The gutters at the cart barn are halfway completed. Secretary Tomasulo inquired about plans to add additional trees to the golf course. Director Rothe noted several new trees were planted behind the green on hole #7, two new trees behind #13 green, and one new tree on the right side of hole #13.

Callahan's: Director Miles noted upcoming events will include Bingo next month. Callahan's will be opening back up on Mondays, and hours of operation will be posted on the website. The St. Patrick's Day went well, and they sold out of all the specials. Director Miles stated Toast is up and running, and they can track food costs, labor costs, price changes, and inventory. Director Miles is still integrating the invoices into the system and expects to complete the task by the end of the month. Toast has integrated the restaurant with the

beverage cart, allowing customers to have just one tab open. The Taste of the Western Slope is scheduled for May 18th. This will be a large event featuring twelve vendors so far. Director Miles stated there are now grab and go food items that should help with the flow of golfers.

Grand Valley Recreation Center and Programs: Director Matzl reported they had their largest membership attendance since he began, with 2,499 members in February. Attendance totaled 5,405, and day pass sales reached 430. There were 57 dance members. Fall sports are wrapping up and spring sports registration is open. Director Matzl stated events will be skate night, evening insights, and fire prevention talks. This will be on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm. Director Matzl noted electrical upgrades have already started around the building. Golden Gloves boxing is coming up on the 25th in Denver, and we will be bringing Friday night fights to the Rec. Center in late April or early May. Spring clean-up with District 16 will start at Community Park, then the Rec Center. Director Matzl noted that the painting is ongoing, and the commercial kitchen plan and menu have been approved. The final inspection is on the 26th. On the 24th Director Matzl will be in front of the county commissioners for the next step of liquor license approval, the community needs survey.

Parks and Trails: Director Overmyer stated the High School baseball team has started using Callahan ballpark and are on their 3rd game of the season. Construction has started at the ballfield, and Garvik Construction has completed work at the baseball field. Director Overmyer estimated about two days of work left at the softball field. The RFP on the trail in front of the Rec. Center is on hold due to possibly needing a permit for grading. Director Overmyer noted that Mosquito maintenance will visit the area on March 26th to assess whether any changes are needed to help control the mosquitoes. Secretary Tomasulo asked how the cameras were working for us, and Director Overmyer stated that the direct power cameras work well, and solar cameras need to be converted to direct power to function more effectively.

MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager Choate stated the Rec. Center was approved for its food license. There is an upcoming election for the four candidates who applied for the three available board seats, and UOCAVA ballots will be mailed on Friday. District Manager Choate stated that new insurance quotes should be available by the April meeting, allowing us to decide on whether to change to the SDA Liability pool, as the current policies expire in mid-May. SDA liability pool will also cover the Butler building.

NEW BUSINESS

District Manager Choate and Director Matzl have been working with Veregy Energy to assess the facilities' areas to help improve energy efficiency. The free version has already been done, and if we want a full assessment, the cost is just over \$15,000. Treasurer Hamick requests that a discussion on marketing and websites be added to the next agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, President Ford adjourned the meeting at 7:13 pm.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 21st, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Grand Valley Recreation Center, 393 Arroyo, Battlement Mesa, Colorado.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Choate, District Manager

**THESE MINUTES APPROVED AS THE OFFICIAL March 17, 2025, MINUTES OF PARACHUTE
BATTLEMENT MESA PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Noted (Signed copy in possession of the District Manager)**

Adam L. Ford, President

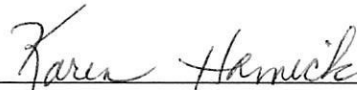


Amber Palcer, Vice President



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