

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
PARACHUTE/BATTLEMENT MESA PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
Monday, April 21st, 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 Paker, Vice President
Wendell Goad, Asst. Vice President
Karen Hamick, Treasurer

Others present: Doug Choate, District Manager
Ashley Rothe, Director of Golf Maintenance
Ken Overmeyer, Director of Parks and Trails
Mary Ochs, Director of Golf
Steve Matz], Director of Recreation Center and Programs
Rachel Miles, Director of Food and Beverage

Public present: None present

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Attendance and Agenda: President Ford called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm, and a quorum was noted, President Ford stated Secretary Tomasulo may or may not attend the meeting due to the fire by the Battlement ponds. Asst. Vice President Goad made a motion to approve the agenda presented for April 21, 2025 and Vice President Paker seconded the motion. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Minutes: Treasurer Hamick made a motion to approve the March 17, 2025, minutes, and Vice President Paker seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved. Vice President Paker motioned to approve the March 25, 2025 minutes, and Treasurer Hamick seconded. The Minutes were unanimously approved, and no corrections were made.

Public Comment: None

FINANCIAL MATTERS - Consent Agenda

Finance Manager's Report
Accept the Payment of Claims/Accounts Payable
Accept the unaudited financial statements for the period ending March 31, 2025

Asst. Vice President Goad made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Vice President Paker seconded the motion. The Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Master Plan Update: President Ford motioned to approve the Master Plan as a living document, and Asst. Vice President Goad seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved. District Manager Choate would like to move forward with pricing and planning for needed repairs in the Rec Center with phase 1 (deferred maintenance and safety). Asst. Vice President Goad made a motion to approve the pricing and planning, and President Ford seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Advertising/Marketing Discussion: Treasurer Hamick asked how the District advertised to the public and who is responsible for the advertising. Treasurer Hamick was unclear about how many people had a hand in the advertising or if it came down to only one person. District Manager Choate explained how Facebook, Instagram, and Nextdoor work, and explained how the algorithm works as well as who was responsible for making posts for the departments. President Ford noted, due to open record laws, any posts made on these platforms cannot be deleted. President Ford also stated he wants all the departments to be using the same platforms. Treasurer Hamick requested that two people review advertising prior to it being posted on any platforms.

Skate Park/ Dog Park: Director Matzl stated Sunset Park and Grand Valley Skate and Dog Park were the top two names; however, there was not much participation in the survey. Asst. Vice President Goad made the motion to name them Saddle View Skate and Dog Park; Secretary Tomasulo seconded the motion, however it did not pass. District Manager Choate and President Ford would like another survey with only four name options.

OPERATIONS - DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Battlement Mesa Golf Club: Director Ochs stated that March was very good, and April is doing great as well. There were 59 new members in March, and they are up to 129. They came to an agreement with Western Slope Suites for the stay and play package and Western Slope Suites did a very nice write-up on the course. Tournaments and events have been updated on the website. The golf course is currently doing Harvest Host for RVs.

Director of Golf Maintenance: Director Rothe stated new gutters have been installed and are waiting on the snow guards to come in. The new tee boxes have been sanded and seeded. Soil samples from number 10 tee box have been sent in to see why they are having trouble with it growing back. Director Rothe plans to renovate two fairway bunkers this year. Director Rothe met with some concrete companies to get estimates to redo the paths around the cart barn and driving range. Director Rothe presented three options for the outside event area.

Callahan's: Director Miles stated they have received the new beverage cart. They have revamped the menu to reduce cost. The Easter special sold out last weekend. Jordan is the new Kitchen manager. Director Miles is planning on one special per week. The May 18th event has 20 vendors, with two more wanting to sign up. Director Rothe advised that the new beverage cart was not delivered due to a broken windshield.

Grand Valley Recreation Center and Programs: Director Matzl reported they had their largest membership attendance since he began, and April is doing very well. All the spring sports are going. Rifle and Meeker are using their fields. Summer camps are scheduled, and fitness operations are going strong. Director Matzl stated painting should start next week. They have received their liquor license and can serve anywhere on the property.

Parks and Trails: Director Overmyer was not present.

MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager Choate said they received their FMLD grants. The Butler Building had seven responses to the RFP for architectural and design work, and they have narrowed it down to three qualified to do the work. There are no quotes for the new insurance policies. President Ford made a motion to move forward with the SDA Liability Pool, and Treasurer Hamick seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved. Surveys for the tanker trail are complete. The Board workshops are scheduled for June 20. The SDA regional workshop is June 24 and 25.

NEW BUSINESS

The board policy manual is not complete yet, but it will be sent to the Board as soon as possible.

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Ford made a motion to enter executive session pursuant to 24-6-402(4)(f), Personnel Matters, District Manager and 24-6-402(4)(e), determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategies for negotiations, and instructing negotiators. Secretary Tomasulo seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

President Ford motioned to leave the Executive Session at 8:59 with Asst. VP Goad seconding. The motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, President Ford adjourned the meeting at 8:59 pm. and Treasurer Hamick seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, **May 19th, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.** at the **Grand Valley Recreation Center, 398 Arroyo, Battlement Mesa, Colorado.**

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Choate, District Manager

**THESE MINUTES APPROVED AS THE OFFICIAL April 21, 2025, MINUTES OF PARACHUTE/
BATTLEMENT MESA PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Noted (Signed copy in possession of the District Manager)**


Anne Kellerby, Director


Vincent Tomasulo, Secretary


Amber Palcer, Vice President


Shandice Churchill, Director


Wendell Goad, Asst. Vice President