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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 28, 2026 – 4:00 P.M.

**Board Members Present:** Michael McGinnis, Chair  
Christopher Norden, Vice Chair  
Dave Donnan, Board Member  
Tom Lando, Board Member  
Jason Roye, Board Member

**Board Members Absent:**

**Staff Members Present:** Annabel Grimm, General Manager  
Phil Aviles, Finance and Human Resources Director  
Holli Drobny, Administrative Director  
Erin Morrissey, Recreation Director  
Scott Schumann, Parks and Facilities Director

**Legal Counsel Present:** Jackson Glick, Attorney at Law

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00, and a roll call was taken, as noted above.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comment was received related to the decision to pause a portion of outdoor Summer Leagues.

- Rudy Angel, a softball player with the District since 2004, expressed disappointment at not being able to play softball on Friday nights and stated that he would have liked to see community input in the decision.
- Emily Symes, a longtime player, stated that the softball community are problem solvers and that the decision was made without that collaborative input, leaving players concerned about the future. She said she would have liked to be involved in the decision-making process and noted that canceling the leagues could result in the facilities being less well maintained without regular play five nights a week.
- Director Lando stated that he was opposed to the decision. He indicated that he was prepared to make a motion at a special meeting to reverse the decision.
- KP, who umpires for the District and also plays in the leagues, stated that he is at the park five nights a week and no longer has summer employment because of the decision. He asked what the reasoning was for canceling summer softball.
- Directors Lando and McGinnis requested that a special meeting be held to address this topic.
- Jose Villa expressed disappointment and stated that he had heard in the community that the decision lacked transparency.
- The Special Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 4PM

### 3. CONSENT AGENDA

- 3.1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on March 26, 2026 - *Action Requested: Approve meeting minutes.*
  
- 3.2. March and April Monthly Financial Report (Staff Report FI-26-13) - *Action Requested: Approve the monthly financial reports.*

**M/S/C/ (Directors Roye/Lando)** Board of Directors approved the consent agenda.  
**The motion was unanimously approved.**

### 4. REGULAR AGENDA

- 4.1. Levy Administration (Staff Report FI-26-14 and Resolution 26-03)

Director Lando reported that the assessment district associated with Baroni Park includes a clause obligating the District to maintain the open space. General Manager Grimm reported that the City is currently maintaining that space using its own funds. Director Lando reported a community member requested that the maintenance responsibility be memorialized, whether it rests with the City or the District. Legal counsel was requested. Jackson Glick, Attorney at Law, confirmed that there would be a way to memorialize that the District is meeting its obligation and to clarify, in the event of a complaint, whose responsibility it would be to address it. Grimm explained that Baroni Park is unique because the land was transferred, and that for the assessment district and other levy administrations, the District only requests reimbursement.

**M/S/C/ (Directors Norden/Lando)** Board of Directors Board of Directors directs SCI Consulting Group to prepare the Engineer's Report for the Oak Way, Amber Grove/Greenfield, and Baroni Neighborhood Park and Open Space (No. LLD 001-05) Landscape and Lighting Assessment Districts.

**The motion was unanimously approved.**

- 4.2. Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget (Staff Report FI-26-15)

The public hearing was opened at 4:19 p.m. General Manager Grimm presented the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026–27. Throughout the presentation, clarifying questions were asked regarding the Aquatic Center, the Bike Park, and the restructuring of the Recreation District. Director McGinnis expressed concerns about the projected revenue for the Aquatic Center and stated that he would not support the budget as presented. Director Lando concurred. Director Lando requested that Grimm address publicly that the Aquatic Center would cost nearly \$40 million. The Board requested the following from staff:

- A budget for Capital Projects.
- An itemized report of revenue and expenditures for the Aquatic Center.
- A contingency plan in the event the Aquatic Center is not successful.

- A timeline for the anticipated expenses and revenue of the Aquatic Center.

The public hearing was closed at 4:43 p.m.

The 26-27 Fiscal Year budget will be reviewed for adoption at the June Board of Directors meeting on June 25, 2026.

4.3. Acceptance of Grant Deed for Public Right-of-Way Dedication along Garner Lane (Staff Report 26-20)

The Board considered acceptance of a Grant Deed dedicating approximately 18,943 square feet of public right-of-way along Garner Lane (APN 006-400-088) to the City of Chico for public purposes, including roadway improvements, utilities, and related infrastructure.

**M/S/C/ (Directors Lando/Norden)** Board of Directors accepted the Grant Deed dedicating public right-of-way along Garner Lane to the City of Chico.

**The motion was unanimously approved.**

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. Capital Improvement Projects Remaining for 2025 – 2026 Fiscal Year (Staff Report 26-24)

The Board considered a budget reallocation utilizing cost savings from existing Capital Improvement Projects to fund three remaining fiscal year 2025–2026 projects: replacement of an aging playground feature at DeGarmo Park, installation of ADA-accessible pathways at Hooker Oak, and improvements to the audio-visual system at CARD Creekside. Director Lando requested a comprehensive report on all current Capital Projects.

**M/S/C/ (Directors Lando/McGinnis)** Board of Directors approved the reallocation of Capital Improvement Project cost savings within the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget to fund current capital improvement projects.

**The motion was unanimously approved.**

5.2. Veteran’s Memorial Parcel Adjustment (Staff Report 26-25)

Staff provided an informational update on a revision to the parcel map associated with the transfer of Veterans Memorial Park from the City of Chico to CARD. A discussion of future parking considerations for the site will be addressed at the June Board meeting. No action was taken.

5.3. Donation of Memorial Bench (Staff Report 26-26)

The Board considered acceptance of a memorial bench donated by Carol Cullen, a neighbor of Rotary Centennial Park, in memory of her son.

**M/S/C/ (Directors Norden/McGinnis)** Board of Directors accepted the donation of a memorial bench for placement at Rotary Centennial Park.

**The motion was unanimously approved.**

Ayes: McGinnis, Norden, Donnan, Roye

Noes: Lando

5.4. Consideration of a Bridge Loan Agreement (Staff Report 26-27)

The Board considered approval of a bridge loan agreement to provide interim financing for the development of District capital projects. Glick recommended a comprehensive presentation of the lender and loan terms, including the proposed loan documents in the Board materials, and requested that this item be moved to the June Board meeting. Lando agreed and stated that he would like to see a comprehensive budget for the Aquatic Center capital project.

**6. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

**7. STAFF COMMENTS**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 4:50 to the next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District.

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiators

Annabel Grimm, General Manager

Union of Operating Engineers, Stationary Engineers (IUOE), Local 39

General Unit Service Employees International Union (SEIU)

Pursuant to Government §54956.9(d)(2): Conference with Legal Counsel — Anticipated Litigation

General Unit Service Employees International Union (SEIU)

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Information was given; no action was taken.