Regular Meeting of the Board

Evans Park Office

May 17th, 2021

I. Call to Order 7:21pm/Roll Call Kelly Moffatt, Doug Severinsen, JC Cook, Dondi Connelley, Kurt Prinslow Others: Mike Barney/Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting on April 20, 2021, Special Session on April 20, 2021 – Kelly makes a motion to approve both sets of minutes, Doug 2nds, all in favor.

III. Approval of Agenda – Mike wants to add Stampede update and Kelly wants to add a discussion about the trees. Kelly makes a motion to approve the minutes, Doug 2nds, all in favor.

IV. Legislative Matters

 -Appointment of Kurt Prinslow to the District Board of Directors and Oath of Office – JC makes a motion to appoint Kurt Prinslow to the board, Kelly 2nds, all in favor. JC swears in Kurt, his term will be up in 2022.

V. Communications to the Board

 -Request from Elizabeth Area Chamber of Commerce to sell alcohol in CJ Park at Pints in the Pines on September 18, 2021 – JC Cook signs the request.

VI. Continued Business

 -CJ Master Planning – Mike and IMG has met with the Rodeo, CJ rec center design committee, Elbert County Agricultural Alliance, walked the park with current staff. They have a better idea of what the community/staff want. Campground expansion will be the first draft that we will see, should come up soon.

 -Project Updates – CJ restroom is moving along, walls and roof are up, water lines have been put in and passes inspection today. Sign is up and working, have had 5 inquiries on the advertising.

 -Funding Options for Recreation Center Construction – Mike talked to a public finance firm and get some initial input on potential funding options. They would help us with a construction bond, rate would be about 2.4%. The budget would be about $15 million for the recreation center only. Based on a review of the Districts property tax evaluation and current mill levy, they expressed that doubling the mill levy form 2.466 to 4.932 would provide the funding for a construction bond of $15 million. A second option would be a lease/purchase agreement with a private financer as we did with the property purchase.

VII. New Business

 -Elizabeth West Development Project and Planned Recreational Improvements – Jim Marshall development west of Walmart. He has expressed a desire to include recreational improvements including parks, open space and a pool. The board needs to think about planning negotiations instead of just permit fees. We need 10 acres, with a baseball field, a trail, etc. As the district grows, we will be better served by partnering with the developer earlier in their planning process and strategically planning for park and recreation resources from a district wide perspective. This will require a vision/plan for the district, just as we are doing for the CJ master plan. We can be involved in the planning of the parks/open space.

 -Elizabeth Hills Development Project and Planned Recreational Improvements – 145 acres and the county is requiring 40-50% of open space as well as park improvements.

 -CJ Ballfield Lighting – Mike will look at trying to figure out if there is a company that can turn them or brace them differently, if we want to keep using them for night games, it will need to be fixed.

 -Executive Director Annual Evaluation – Board discussed performance over the past year and approved 3.5% increase in Executive Director pay.

VIII. Report of Administrator and Staff

 -Budget Report – nothing to report

 -Maintenance Report – helped with the CJ restrooms digging water line, mowing, normal maintenance duties.

 -Programs Report – youth sports are going great, concessions have been going great this year and making more than previous years. Adult volleyball is starting Friday and softball is starting June 11th. Art camp registration is open.

IX. Other Matters

 -Stampede – 2019 they paid $4500 in fees, same for this year, added $600 a day for overflow parking, camping fees.

 -Trees – backed up and there is a list of 25 people waiting for the trees. Can we maybe ask another tree guy to help catch up?

X. Adjournment – Kelly makes a motion to adjourn at 9:16pm, Doug 2nds, all in favor.