

Mission Statement: The purpose of the Ravalli County Park District #2 is to construct and operate a year-round aquatic facility with commitment to provide affordable and accessible recreation, fitness, competition, water safety, and educational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities.

Monday, December 12, 2016 Board Meeting of Ravalli County Park District #2
Bitterroot Aquatic Center

Call to order 6:30pm

Roll Call: Loretta Bundy, Carla Albert, Rod Pogachar, Paul Belanger, Fern Shreckendgust

Not in attendance: Paul Wilson, Diedra Markette

Guests: Bob Monahan, Dick Weber, Tiffany Jette

Public Comment: No Public Comments

Meeting Minutes: Edits to the November minutes - Loretta provided edits to the November meeting minutes. Paul made note and will resubmit the November meeting minutes with the December minutes

Carla motioned to approve the minutes - Rod seconded - all in favor - no opposed

Managers' Report

- Fern reported the hiring of a new water aerobics instructor - Justen Zimmerman
- New water aerobics hours in effect - Mon-Sat 7:00-8:00 AM
- Staff Christmas party on Sunday Dec 18 from 3-5 pm
- Fern submitted thank you letter to the Doyle foundation prepared by Paul B and Fern

Committee Reports

- We were informed that there were some errors on the BST-BAC contract and thus the contract was not signed by BST. It seemed that this may simply have been an oversight. Corrections relate to pool times and the BST asked to allow board members on the deck. Much discussion amongst the board. Based on prior issues of BST board members becoming a distraction to BAC staff, and the BAC Policy that allows the Board to not allow any member of the public on to the BAC premises including the pool deck, the board (with one dissenting member) agreed

that we cannot grant permission to allow any BST board member be on the deck during swim team practice without prior consent by the BAC board.

New Business - Communications

- Ravalli County Commissioners sent letter approving the appointment of Rod Pogachar to fill the remaining term of Mo O'Brien
- Letter to the board from Paul Wilson resigning his seat was read. Carla motioned to accept the letter of resignation. Loretta seconded. All in favor - none opposed
- There are two positions vacated that now need replacements: Zach Chetham's term ends ??? and Paul Wilson whose term ends 2020
- Nominees for vacated positions must submit application by February 6th to Clarise Murphy at the County Commissioners office. Nominees for vacated positions must submit a letter of interest to the Ravalli County Park District #2 Board (the BAC board). Those board members who have been appointed to unexpired terms have to file an Oath of Candidacy and turn in to Regina Plettenberg at the County Court house by Feb 6. If there is no competition for these seats then there is an automatic appointment effective May 2. If there is competition, then we would have to do mail out voting ballot to Hamilton and Corvallis districts for a decision at a cost of approximately \$10,000 dollars to the BAC.
- Loretta informed the Board that the County Commissioners do not need any additional communication with them about the BAC meeting agenda and meeting minutes. Posting the minutes and agenda on the website will suffice.
- Board discussed about other groups that we may want to engage such as the Master's Swim Team, Preschools, Daycares, and others. Board discussed that we may need them to show some interest to reach out to them. Some of these groups we have contact with and use our facility. The Minutes are available on our website and available to the public if asked.
- Tiffany Jette expressed an interest in helping the Bitterroot Aquatic Center and assisting possibly as a Board member. She has spent many years working at pools as a lifeguard and swim instructor as well as a canoe and kayak instructor. She has 3 young children with passes to the BAC, her kids are on the Bitterroot Swim Team, loves the facility, she is a volunteer soccer coach at the high school
- Bob Monahan expressed an interest in helping the Bitterroot Aquatic Center and assisting possibly as a Board member. Bob served on the BAC board from 2008-2012 and for personal reasons needed to take a break from the Board. He is

a retired accountant and Controller with Blahnick and has a lot of interest in helping see the BAC fulfill its mission.

- Dick Weber was interested in learning more about the facility and how the board operates. He is a lawyer in Hamilton. He had kids on the swim team, he has done legal work with the Montana Swimming Federation, he is a board member at Head Start, served on the Ravalli County Planning Board and assisted with a number of other local businesses and non-profits. He is member of the Masters Swim Team and would like to see a new indoor facility.

- Fern presented two audit proposals in reply to the 6 request for proposals sent to firms in Missoula and the Bitterroot Valley. The two proposals are from Wipfli (bid price of \$6500) and Ronald Foltz (bid price \$12,000). Bob Monahan has worked with both firms in the past. Paul motions that the Board review both proposals and submit their recommendation to Fern by the end of the week, Friday, December 16, 2016. Loretta Seconded. All in favor. None opposed Paul B left the meeting at this point (7:30 PM). Fern took over secretary duties. Fern reported to Paul that there was no additional business conducted after my departure.

NEXT MEETING: Monday January 9th, 2017