

Western Ada Recreation District
Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2020 Special Business Meeting

In Attendance:

Shaun Wardle, Director

Heath Van Patten, Director

Tyler Rountree, Director – Absent until Agenda Item 5

Ema Brenneman, Secretary-Treasurer

Laura Urias, Pool Manager

The meeting was called to order by Director Wardle at 5:00 pm

Item 1: Approve the Agenda

Director Wardle moved that the board approve the agenda; Director Rountree seconded. The agenda was approved.

Item 2: Consent Agenda

Director Van Patten made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Director Wardle seconded. The consent agenda was approved.

Item 3: Review of Central District Health 06/22/20 Order Regarding Quarantine and Restrictions

Director Wardle noted that the meeting was taking place at the Meridian Pool building where they were practicing 6 foot social distancing guidelines. Ema presented the CHD press release regarding the rollback to stage 3 in Ada County. The board discussed the order in regards to the opening of the pool.

Item 4: Discussion of 2020 Pool Opening and Procedures

Director Wardle discussed operational plans to begin swim lesson classes and discussed with Laura the process of reopening the pool. Laura reported that the minimum number of employees needed to conduct swim lesson was 16. Director Wardle asked Laura if she could have the instructional team ready to open the pool for swim lessons on July 6th. Director Wardle thanked Laura and Ema for their information on the CDH order and noted the Board would make the decision on opening and procedures as far as numbers in the pool area, guests allowed per student, and mask requirements. Ema reported that the facility would be cleaned every night by the cleaning service. Director Wardle discussed usage methods for lockers and the showers for guests, noting that he did not want Meridian Pool staff to act in a policing manner for social distancing. Ema suggested having guests go straight to the pool deck and only using the locker rooms after swimming lesson in order to give the disinfectant time to dry as per manufacturers recommendations.

Item 5. Action Item**a) Approval of 2020 Pool Opening and Procedures**

Director Wardle made a motion that we begin swim lessons at Meridian Community Pool on July 6th, that we have our staff put in place necessary measures for social distancing, and direct the Pool Manager to provide as many staff members as possible to provide as many swim lessons as possible. The motion was seconded by Director VanPatten.

The board had a discussion regarding masks and Director Wardle noted that they would be optional for staff. Staff could wear a mask if they chose, and if they wanted one but did not have one the Meridian Pool would provide one. Laura noted concern that personnel giving swim lessons and life guards will definitely come into direct contact with students in the pool, an area where masks cannot be used. She also expressed concern that those same staff will then rotate into the concessions and office area. Director Rountree suggested that the swimming lesson instructors stay 6' away from the students while in the pool. Laura noted that distancing is possible with advanced students but not with younger students. Director Rountree inquired if Laura had enough staff to begin the lessons, Laura replied she was not sure as 2 staff were currently being tested for COVID –19. Director Wardle noted he would like Laura to run as many swim lesson sessions as possible. Director Van Patten noted that he did not feel those staff who are living with someone who is tested positive should be at the Meridian Pool at all until the suggested quarantine time has passed and he has concerns about spread happening at the Meridian Pool facility. The board discussed masks, procedures and swim lesson offerings again with Director Rountree present.

Director Wardle called for a roll call vote on the motion above. Director Wardle; aye, Director Rountree; aye, Director VanPatten; aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 6: Pool Manager's Report

Laura noted that they had several people register the first two days of registration. Director Wardle noted that Laura should be prepared for operational updates. The board discussed additional options for the 2020 pool season.

Item 7: Secretary/Treasurer Report

Ema noted that she was working remotely but available by phone and email at any time. Ema said that she is looking at some efficiency items for the pool with phones. Ema reported on maintenance items with the grass, sprinkler pump, HVAC, riser room and locker rooms.

Item 8: Miscellaneous

Hearing no other business, Director Wardle adjourned the meeting at 6:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ema Brenneman
Secretary Treasurer, Western Ada Recreation District.