

## **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

### **MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SILVER DOLLAR METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

**HELD:** Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room at the Black Hawk Public Works Facility, 987 Miners Mesa Road, Black Hawk, Colorado; and, via zoom platform.

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Silver Dollar Metropolitan District, Gilpin County, Colorado, was called and held as shown above and in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado, with the following directors present and acting:

John East, President  
Michelle Shriver, Director  
Edward Smith, Director  
Sean Demeule, Director  
Marcus Rohrbaugh, Director

Absent: Norris Hamilton  
Steve Sirianni

Also present: BH Police Chief Moriarty; Bob Fifer, CDOT Deputy Director Operations; Bradley Wood, CDOT; Saeed Sobhi, CDOT consultant; Bill Kascek, CDOT Consultant; and, Lynnette Hailey, District Manager/Secretary.

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

President East called the meeting to order.

#### **RATIFICATION of new/replacement member: W. Chris Cramer.**

With all requirements for new/replacement Board Member status being met and no further discussion, the Board unanimously approved W. Chris Cramer as Brandon Lenssen's replacement to the Board.

#### **ANY ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA (from Board Members): None.**

#### **DISCLOSURES OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:**

The Board noted that on behalf of the Directors of the District, general disclosure forms had been filed with the Secretary of the District and with the Office of the Colorado Secretary of State. No revisions were noted by the Board members.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:**

Manager Hailey presented the July 25, 2023, Minutes for Board consideration.

Following discussion and upon motion duly made, seconded, the Board approved the minutes of July 25, 2023, with Director Cramer abstaining.

**STATEMENT OF CLAIMS:**

District Manager Hailey presented and requested ratification of the August Statement of Claims in the amount of \$14,789.22. With no additional discussion and upon motion duly made, seconded, the Board unanimously ratified the August Statement of Claims in the amount of \$14,789.22 as presented.

District Manager Hailey presented the September Statement of Claims in the amount of \$487,151.37. With no additional discussion and upon motion duly made, seconded, the Board unanimously approved the September Statement of Claims in the amount of \$487,151.37.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

District Manager Hailey presented the September 11, 2023, Financial Report prepared by Colorado CPA Company which is comprised of the combined balance sheet and related statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in funds available as compared to the annual budget. Hailey reported that as of this report the total liabilities and equity as \$5,611,304 for both the General and Debt Service Funds and the budget to actual remains on target.

With no further discussion, the Board unanimously accepted the financial report as presented.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. BH Police Chief Moriarty briefing on security gate at SH 119 & Main Street – Chief Moriarty introduced Bob Fifer, CDOT Deputy Director of Operations and went over the pilot project to install electronic gates at SH 119 & Main Street for emergency closure purposes. The goal is to inform all stake holders in the process so we can better inform the public by sharing closure information.

Mr. Fifer stated that using CDOT's current communication system through COTrip, would provide the best form of communications regarding closures, weather, and current road conditions. This is a free tool. The request today is to work cooperatively with the casinos so they can inform their customers and employees when there is a road closure.

President East's expressed concern that with the electronic gates, we could experience more closures. Both Chief Moriarty and Mr. Fifer did not believe this would be the case but rather free up personnel so they would not be required to do the closures manually.

Director Demeule asked if there could be dramatic signage also and Mr. Fifer said they would discuss that. They are currently in the design phase, and it would be a year or so to secure the design and funding.

After additional discussion, Manager Hailey was directed to send out Mr. Fifer's card to the Board and they would talk with their IT/logistics teams. Team members are welcome to reach out to Mr. Fifer.

- b. 2024 Administrative Matters Resolution – Manager Hailey presented the Resolution stating the board member information had been revised and there were minor legal revisions.

After additional discussion, the Board unanimously approved the 2024 Administrative Matters Resolution as presented.

- c. Presentation of the 2024 Draft Budget, Budget Message, and setting the Public Hearing – Manager Hailey presented two versions of the 2024 Budget: one with 13 buses and the other with 15 buses. Hailey stated that there will be no additional routes and the buses are not new but newer than the buses we currently have wrapped. Hailey explained that in the SDMD/Ramblin Agreement, the District has the “first right of refusal” on new fleet.

Board members discussed whether there would benefit in adding two additional wrapped buses and reached the conclusion that there would not be since there is not additional routes. President East was concerned as to whether these buses would be wrapped by our competitors, casinos in Cripple Creek, and if so, did not want them coming to Black Hawk. The board members agreed with this comment. Hailey will ask Todd Holland, Ramblin, to clarify who will be advertising on the two new buses.

Hailey went on to explain that there is a slight increase for the accountant; no legal fee increases and no District Manager increase. Hailey stated she will know more about the Ambulance service budget after the meeting tomorrow morning. She stated that the board is looking at a 2023 one-time bonus to employees and a 7% increase in 2024 with consideration of a 7% increase in 2025 (to be determined during the 2025 budget process).

Hailey expressed concerns about Prop HH (property tax) and indicated that if this statewide ballot question passed in November, an adjustment would need to be made to the assessed valuation/property tax. Hailey reached out to the County but has not heard back yet. Based on the statewide election set for November 7<sup>th</sup>, Hailey recommended setting the public hearing for November 28<sup>th</sup>.

There were no board comments on the Budget message.

After additional discussion, the Board accepted the Draft 2024 budget with 13 buses and unanimously approved setting the 2024 Budget Public Hearing for November 28<sup>th</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Ramblin Bus Service – discussion/possible action regarding service & adding additional bus wraps. Discussion held under the presentation of the 2024 Draft Budget. Regarding an

**MANAGER’S REPORT:**

- a. Workforce Housing – Manager Hailey indicated that she sent the board a request on 9/22 regarding workforce housing. Chris Breen, Blue Hour Housing, indicated that they are looking at the Coyote Motel as a potential option and wanted to know if any employers in the area would be interested in securing long-term housing for their employees. Hailey indicated that Mr. Breen said there are approximately 30 units at this potential site.

After discussion, the Board unanimously agreed that they are not interested since 30 units would not make an appreciable difference. Hailey was directed to notify Mr. Breen.

- b. Update on P2Ps and CDOT projects - Manager Hailey indicated that she continues to forward updates on the projects as received. There was some discussion about the continued delays on both US 6 and I-70.


**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** None.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

The foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the above-referenced meeting and was approved by the Board of Directors of the Silver Dollar Metropolitan District.

  
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Lynnette Hailey  
Secretary