

**Canon City Area Metropolitan Recreation and Park District
575 Ash Street
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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER The Canon City Area Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board Vice-President, Melissa Smeins, in the board meeting room located at 575 Ash Street.

ROLL CALL

Board Members:

Present: Melissa Smeins
 Andrew Palmasano
 Kristina Post
 Sean Rodgers

Staff: Kyle Horne Executive Director
 Dawn Green Finance Director

Attorney: Dan Slater

Guests: Kyle Logan Fred Toney
 Dave Little Dan Francis
 Amy Schmisser Beth Gaffney
 Angela Evagash Ryan Stevens
 Joanie Stevens Mike Banker
 Pat Grette

ACCEPTANCE OF CONSENT AGENDA

Board member Andrew Palmasano made a motion, seconded by board member Sean Rodgers to accept the consent agenda as written for the March 10, 2026 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Executive Director – Kyle Horne reported:

In an email, Kyle informed the board that Kids Klub received a \$2,000 grant from the White Water Festival/RG Rio for more swim trips to the Florence pool this summer.

The Bighorn Roundtable is continuing their work exploring options for an ADA track chair or terrain hopper and an outdoor pursuits program. A copy of their charter was included in the board packets.

The Recreation District received 54 applications for the open parks position. Oscar Barcena Lira was hired to fill the position.

Work on the Nailor house roof will start later this month. The HVAC system at the Ash Street building is installed.

Dan Slater:

At a meeting Mr. Slater attended for the Town of Rockvale, there was some interest expressed in exploring inclusion into the Recreation District.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

District Financial Audit Presentation-Kyle Logan

Kyle Logan with Logan and Associates presented the Board with the District's 2025 Audit report. He performed the audit work at the end of January, looking at transactions and policies, confirming cash and investment balances, reviewing minutes and performing comparisons between 2024 and 2025. Based on his work, he issued an unmodified opinion.

He reviewed the District's financial position ending 2025. Total assets are \$8.6 million which is an increase from 2024, 56% of which are capital assets. Total liabilities are \$147,000. Of the District's \$7.2 million net worth, 66% is tied up in capital assets. Unrestricted funds in the general fund would cover ten to eleven months of operations. For the business type activities there is funding to cover fifteen months of operations. In 2025 the pool facility expenses were moved into the general fund.

In the notes on the financial statements, he pointed out a significant investment in Colo Trust. District assets include an amount for construction in progress related to the design and planning for the pool replacement fund, with a corresponding note on the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City. He also reviewed the accompanying management letter.

Board member Andrew Palmasano made a motion, seconded by board member Kristina Post to accept the audit. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

Update on Swimming Pool

City Council member Fred Toney informed the board that the new council has set up committees, including a budget and finance committee working on the pool and compiling facts about the project.

Kyle Horne spoke about the District's history, founded to construct a pool, but within the first year the District was looking to expand into programs and parks. This recreation focus is reflected in its service plan. Through the years, the District has worked to respond to the evolving and changing needs of the community. He also addressed the idea that was raised of consolidating the Recreation District's parks into the City. This does not change the costs associated with their maintenance, just shifts the burden. Mr. Toney spoke about the City continuing to collect the sales tax. He would like to meet with Kyle and the consultants to discuss cost escalation in the pro forma. Kyle stated that in BRS's history they have hit or exceeded their cost recovery estimates 82% of the time. For the last 35 years they have worked exclusively on recreation projects.

Dave Little of the City's pool committee presented a handout to the board highlighting what the committee is working on including the following: should the sales tax collection continue; find ways for the City to make up the difference; look for funding help from the County; have the utilities donated; add parking meters in lots heavily used by tourists; legalize marijuana; and how much would the City be willing to absorb in their budget.

An involved discussion about the pool with comments by board members and members of the public followed.

Amy Schmisser provided more information on the parking meter idea. Which led to comments about the number of visitors the Recreation District activities draw.

Part of the discussion focused on the budget for the pool's construction. Kyle stated that the School District is reclaiming its front lawn. If it needs to be taken out in the next five years due to the pool project, the BEST grant would need to be reimbursed. The City has agreed to this, and the School District is working on an IGA. There was not a lot of wiggle room in the \$24.8 million budget with the design plan that was presented before the failed ballot questions. After geotechnical work was completed, the estimate for site costs increased to three million. As time passes, costs continue to escalate. What was proposed is out of budget. Kyle read from the report in the board packet about the costs associated with redesign work.

There was discussion about bubble covers and a seasonal only option. Kyle stated that nothing at the current pool can be saved and even with a seasonal option, the District will still need a parking lot. According to the ballot language the Icabone property is the required location for a new facility. He went on to state that the school board is still on board with a seasonal option.

There was further discussion about the seasonal option. With some expressing the thought that having an outdoor only pool is better than no pool at all. Others focused on the need for an indoor option as was presented to the public in the planning stages. This circled back to the budget for the facility, and the importance of knowing where the operational funds are coming from (and the amount generated) before determining which type of facility can be sustained.

At the end of the discussion, the board confirmed their interest in moving forward with a pool that is tailored to our capacity.

Update on JGRP Reservoir Project

The City of Canon City is waiting on an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the Army Corps of Engineers, as well as the contract for the project with the CWCB (Colorado Water Conservation Board). There will also need to be an MOU between the City of Canon City and the Recreation District as the work will take place in John Griffin Regional Park which is owned by the District. Kyle sent a letter to the City recommending Luke Javernick be hired as the project manager.

Four Mile Ranch URA Discussion

The Recreation District is still in negotiations with the City regarding the URA. On the advice of attorney Dan Slater, with the number of City representatives attending this meeting, this topic will move into executive session.

NEW BUSINESS

Purchase of an Office Vehicle

The board received information on a staff recommendation to purchase a new Toyota Sienna van to replace the sixteen-year-old office van. The Recreation District has placed a refundable deposit on the vehicle.

Board member Kristina Post made a motion, seconded by board member Andy Palmasano to purchase the vehicle. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

EXECTIVE SESSION

Board member Kristina Post made a motion, seconded by board member Sean Rodgers to go into executive session for negotiations under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e)(1) for determining positions relative to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators regarding the Four Mile Ranch Urban Renewal Authority. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

After the motion to go into executive session at 9:47 p.m., board members took a short break. The board went into executive session at 9:56 p.m. The executive session ended at 10:17 p.m. and the board returned to the regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Board Vice President, Melissa Smeins adjourned the meeting at 10:17 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved as written or amended:

/s/ Dawn Green

/s/ Cooper Trahern

Dawn Green, Finance Director

Cooper Trahern, Meeting Chair

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
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Executive session was called at 9:56 p.m.

The substance of discussion during the executive session was determining positions relative to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e)(1) regarding the Four Mile Ranch Urban Renewal Authority.

The executive session adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

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