



Minutes of Regular Board Meeting October 12, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Desert Recreation District was held at the Indio Community Center Board Room, 45-871 Clinton Street, Indio, California.

Board Members Present:

Silvia Paz	Division 1, Vice President
Rudy Gutierrez	Division 2, Director
Joanne Gilbert	Division 3, President
Rudy Acosta	Division 4, Director
Laura McGalliard	Division 5, Director

Staff Present:

Kevin Kalman	General Manager
Barb Adair	Assistant General Manager
David Corey	Director of Finance & Administration
Raquel Solomon	Information Systems Administrator
Noelle Furon	Marketing & Public Information Officer

1. Roll Call:

Call to Order: President Gilbert called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Present: Rudy Gutierrez, Joanne Gilbert, Laura McGalliard, Rudy Acosta and Silvia Paz

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

President Gilbert led the pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda:

A. Board Member Acosta made the motion to approve the agenda as presented, second by Board Member McGalliard. Roll call taken.

Ayes:	Gutierrez, Gilbert, McGalliard, Acosta and Paz
Noes:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

4. Public Statements:

None

5. Presentations, Awards and Proclamations:

A. None

6. Consent Calendar:

A. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL of minutes for the regular meetings of July 27, 2016 and September 14, 2016.

Recommendation: To approve minutes for the regular meetings of July 27, 2016 and September 14, 2016 as presented.

B. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Recommendation: To receive and File

C. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL of payroll registers dated 9/21/2016 and 10/5/2016 (2)

Recommendation: To approve as presented.

D. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL of Warrant List(s) dated 9/9/2016 and 9/23/2016 (2)

Recommendation: To approve the Warrant Lists for September 9 and September 23, 2016.

E. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL of Financial Report(s) as of August 31, 2016

Recommendation: To approve as presented.

Board Member McGalliard made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar, second by Vice President Paz. Roll call taken.

Ayes: Gutierrez, Gilbert, McGalliard, Acosta and Paz
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

7. Consent Items Held Over:

None

8. Public Hearing:

None

9. Study Session Items:

- A. DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR BOARD DIRECTION regarding financing, prioritization and schedule of capital improvement projects.

At the September 14, 2016 Board of Directors meeting it was agreed at the October 12, 2016 Board Meeting each Board Member is to bring the top two projects he or she would like to discuss at the Study Session. Following is each Board Member's selections:

Division I – Silvia Paz priorities – North Shore Community Park development and Oasis Community Park development. Board Member Paz also placed a high priority on development of the Thermal park.

Division II – Rudy Gutierrez – Park/Facility development in the Eastern Coachella Valley for the mentally/physically challenged, such as was just opened in Palm Springs area. Second item mentioned was to expand community center at Bagdouma Park. Board Member Gutierrez also mentioned expanding services in Indio Hills and adding some sort of weekly or monthly activity, such as Bingo, in the Chiriaco Summit area.

Division III – Joanne Gilbert – Pawley Pool renovation project is her number one priority, and finding new location for The District Gymnastics Academy is her second priority.

Division IV – Rudy Acosta – The District Gymnastics Academy is a top priority, and he suggested we investigate the possibility of going into an existing empty retail space such as where Sam's Club or Legacy Furniture store was in La Quinta. A multi-district community center is another priority, with placement in Bermuda Dunes area and possibly partner with the community of Bermuda Dunes and the county. Board Member Acosta also mentioned that the Pawley Pool renovation and the expansion of the preschool programming in Palm Desert are priorities.

Division V – Laura McGalliard – expansion of the Palm Desert Community Center (and volleyball programming) is her top priority, and finding a new location for The District Gymnastics Academy is her second priority.

Funding sources and capital improvement plan budgets were reviewed and discussed, including low-interest loans and grants. Approaching the Berger Foundation to see if they would offer a loan at the same rate as the USDA was suggested as well.

10. Action Items

- A. REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT of General Manager as Interim District Clerk with the authority to appoint deputies with the same powers and duties.

Rec: To appoint General Manager as Interim District Clerk with the authority to appoint deputies with the same powers and duties.

Board Member McGalliard made the motion to pass, second by Board Member Acosta. Roll call taken.

Ayes:	Gutierrez, Gilbert, McGalliard, Acosta and Paz
Noes:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

11. Manager's Report:

General Manager Kalman gave Manager's Report; he reminded President Gilbert and Board Member Acosta of 3 x 3 meeting scheduled for October 17, 2016.

On October 18, 2016, the United States Department of Agriculture Under Secretary will be visiting at Furbee Aquatics Center between 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. in recognition of the Ready, Set, Swim Coachella Valley program, which promotes healthy nutrition and active lifestyles as well as providing swim lessons to 3rd graders.

The east valley youth soccer league begins October 22 and has approximately 120 participants have signed up.

12. Board Comments/Request for Agenda Items:

**Division 1
Silvia Paz**

Vice President Paz suggested we partner with local elected officials for fundraising.

**Division 2
Rudy Gutierrez**

Board Member Gutierrez had nothing to report.

**Division 3, President
Joanne Gilbert**

President Gilbert had nothing to report.

**Division 4
Rudy Acosta**

Board Member Acosta had nothing to report.

**Division 5
Laura McGalliard**

Board Member McGalliard suggested a telethon (volunteers on phone lines) as a fundraiser rather than a big event in support of the Foundation.

13. Closed Session:

Open session ended at 6:55 p.m. with a brief recess then closed session began at 7:00 p.m.

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (2), the Board will confer with legal counsel pertaining to significant exposure to litigation pertaining Claim dated August 24, 2016, from Delia Granados.

Closed session ended at 7:35 p.m.

14. Return to Open Session:

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General Manager Kalman reported that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Kevin Kalman, General Manager
Desert Recreation District

Joanne Gilbert, President of the Board of
Directors for Desert Recreation District