



**Snyderville Basin Special Recreation District
Board Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, November 14, 2024

Board Room – Trailside Park | 5715 Trailside Drive | Park City, Utah
Virtual Meeting via Zoom | Meeting ID: 870 3315 9879

1 **Board Members in Attendance:** Nate Brown, Ryan Bruce, Ben Castro, Brandi Connolly,
2 Larry Moffitt, Amanda Singer, and Carrie Westberg. Board members participated
3 electronically via Zoom or at the anchor location.

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5 **Absent:** None.

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7 **Staff Present:** Lily Chirico, Phares Gines, Dana Jones, Brian Kadziel, Justine Kadziel, Ben
8 Liegert, Matt Wagoner, Aaron Williams. Staff participated electronically via Zoom or at the
9 anchor location.

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11 **Attending Guests:** None.

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13 **CALL TO ORDER AND PUBLIC INPUT**

14 The meeting of November 14, 2024, was called to order by Chair Connolly at 6:00pm.

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16 There was no public input given.

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18 Chair Connolly closed public input at 6:00pm.

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20 **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 8/8/2024, 9/12/2024, AND**
21 **10/10/2024**

22 Board members received draft minutes from the 8/8/2024, 9/12/2024, and 10/10/2024
23 Board meetings in their Board packet prior to the meeting.

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25 Chair Connolly explained a quorum was not present at previous meetings to approve the
26 August and September minutes.

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28 **MOTION:** To approve the Board meeting minutes from August 8, 2024.

29 [CASTRO/WESTBERG] All in favor: Castro, Moffitt, Singer, Westberg. Opposed: None.
30 Abstain: Brown, Bruce, Connolly. Absent: None. Motion carries.

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32 **MOTION:** To approve the Board meeting minutes from September 12, 2024.

33 [WESTBERG/MOFFITT] All in favor: Brown, Bruce, Connolly, Castro, Moffitt, Westberg.
34 Opposed: None. Abstain: Singer. Absent: None. Motion carries.

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36 J. Kadziel added that the September minutes were previously approved in the October
37 meeting, however the Board member that made the motion should have abstained. A

38 sentence was added to the October minutes to say the motion will be revisited in the
39 November meeting.

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41 **MOTION:** To approve the Board meeting minutes from October 10, 2024. [SINGER/BRUCE]
42 All in favor: Bruce, Castro, Connolly, Singer, Westberg. Opposed: None. Abstain: Brown,
43 Moffitt. Absent: None. Motion carries.

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45 **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF PRIOR MONTH'S EXPENDITURES**

46 Board members received the prior month's expenditures in their Board packet prior to the
47 meeting.

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49 **MOTION:** To approve the prior month's expenditures. [BROWN/SINGER] All in favor: Brown,
50 Bruce, Castro, Connolly, Moffitt, Singer, Westberg. Opposed: None. Abstain: None. Absent:
51 None. Motion carries.

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53 **REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT'S RANGER PROGRAM**

54 Aaron Williams, the Ranger Supervisor, shared an update of the District's Ranger Program
55 with the Board.

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57 Williams shared some initiatives implemented since joining the District this fall, including
58 tracking Ranger encounters, stat sheets, and a weekly highlight report. He then discussed
59 the Ranger's approach to enforcing the new e-bike regulations.

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61 One tool the Rangers are testing is a digital speed limit sign that provides trail users with
62 real-time speed. The signs are capable of sending data back to the District which allows
63 Rangers to track speed trends over time, understand how users are interacting with the
64 speed limit, and make adjustments to enforcement or education strategies accordingly.
65 These signs were tested for six days each on the soft-surface multi-use pathway at Willow
66 Creek Park and on the paved Millenium Trail. Both locations have a posted 15 mph speed
67 limit and were chosen as popular locations for e-bike users. The average speed of all trail
68 users was found to be 9.68 mph, well below the posted speed limit of 15 mph.

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70 Williams highlighted some key insights from the data gathered on trail user speeds and
71 how it helps the District understand needs. While the data did show some users exceeding
72 the 15-mph speed limit, Williams pointed out that the number of speed violations did not
73 align with the number of complaints the District received. Discussion followed on the
74 human factor of perception, reaction time, and speed-size illusion.

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76 Chair Connolly asked if the digital signs only provided speed feedback to e-bikes. Williams
77 said it tracked any activity over 5 mph including walkers, runners, and bikers, however there
78 is no way to differentiate transportation methods within the data.

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80 The digital speed limit signs currently being tested were demo units, and based on their
81 performance and potential benefits, the District is planning to purchase two of these signs
82 in 2025. The cost for each sign is estimated to be around \$5,000.

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84 Lastly, Williams discussed the camera capabilities built into the digital speed limit signs.
85 The cameras are designed to take photos of trail users who exceed a speed threshold set
86 by staff. Williams noted there are flaws with the clarity and timing of the photos. Williams
87 expressed an intention to work with law enforcement, schools, and parents to educate
88 riders on e-bike laws.

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90 Williams and Board members discussed the role of Rangers in educating e-bike riders and
91 informing the Sheriff's office about any infractions.

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93 Bruce expressed reassurance after reviewing the metrics and commended the Ranger
94 team on their efforts in educating trail users.

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96 Brown asked how many e-bike complaints the District receives, and Williams shared that,
97 while he had not heard of any accidents, there have been about 9 recent complaints
98 related to e-bike usage. These complaints are spread across the District, indicating that
99 they are not concentrated in any one specific area or trail. Brown also wondered how the
100 data might vary in peak seasons compared to October when this test was completed.
101 Williams has also shared the data with Park City Municipal.

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103 Williams expressed his belief that the digital speed limit signs have been effective in
104 helping to slow e-bike rider speeds. He emphasized that the use of these signs
105 demonstrates to neighborhoods across the District that Basin Recreation is actively
106 working to educate trail users about e-bike regulations and safety.

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108 Williams discussed current and future educational opportunities within the Ranger
109 program including a Jr. Ranger program, Adopt-a-Trail program, education on the trails,
110 tabling at trailheads, and potential opportunities with the 910 Ranch. Williams said the
111 Rangers focus on making positive trail interactions.

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113 Chair Connolly asked if Williams had worked with the Park City School District to promote
114 e-bike education, to which Williams responded that he has not yet explored that avenue.
115 He also discussed to possibility of working with bike shops to educate users at the time of
116 purchase, however Williams said that most parents and students are purchasing e-bikes
117 and electric motorcycles online.

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119 The Board thanked Williams for the data. Chair Connolly would like to share this
120 information with County Council.

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122 **REVIEW OF 3RD QUARTER 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT**

123 Board members received a copy of the 3rd Quarter 2024 Financial Report in their Board
124 packet prior to the meeting.

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126 Jones explained that Staff plans to provide narrative context along with the financial data in
127 2025 to better explain the story behind the numbers and offer a clearer understanding of
128 the financial picture. Chair Connolly expressed interest in seeing year-over-year data.

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130 Jones then noted that revenue is higher than projected, and expenses are within the
131 budget. Discussion shifted to how other Special Districts present their budgets. Staff
132 agreed to presenting the rolled-up versions of the budget to both the Board and County
133 Council going forward.

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135 In terms of data presentation, Chair Connolly requested the inclusion of more graphs or
136 line charts to visualize trends over time.

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138 **REVIEW OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGETS ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY**

139 Board members received the tentative 2025 budgets in their Board packet prior to the
140 meeting.

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142 Chair Connolly appreciated the inclusion of the actual budget, the 2024 projected figures,
143 and the variance between the 2024 Budget and Projected amounts, which were requested
144 by County Council.

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146 **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO PERSONNEL AND**
147 **OPERATIONS POLICY MANUAL FOR RECOMMENDATION TO COUNTY COUNCIL**

148 Board members received a breakdown of proposed policy changes and a copy of the
149 Personnel & Operations Policy Manual with redline edits in their Board packet prior to the
150 meeting.

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152 Jones explained that the County HR Attorney had reviewed the policy and made minor
153 edits, but that there have been no substantial changes since the Board last approved the
154 policy.

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156 Bruce thanked Staff for the summary of changes and suggested including who has
157 reviewed the document to provide additional context.

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159 Castro asked about whether there were too many policy changes made at once. Jones said
160 the Board and County Council suggested reviewing the policy in sections, and noted the
161 documents were also reformatted. Moving forward, changes will be presented as needed.

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163 Bruce pointed out that the two policies that have not yet been addressed are Commercial
164 Use Agreements and Financial Responsibilities.

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166 **MOTION:** To approve the revisions of the Personnel and Operations policy manual for
167 recommendation to County Council. [BRUCE/BROWN] All in favor: Brown, Bruce, Castro,
168 Connolly, Moffitt, Singer, Westberg. Opposed: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion
169 carries.

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171 **DISCUSSION OF THE 2025 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

172 Board members received a calendar of proposed 2025 Board meeting dates in their Board
173 packet prior to the meeting.

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175 The tentative schedule is slated for the 2nd Thursday of every month, except for August
176 when no meeting would be held.

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178 **ESTABLISH NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2025 BOARD OFFICERS**

179 Chair Connolly established Brown, Castro, and Westberg as the Nominating Committee for
180 2025 Board Officers.

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182 **DISCUSSION OF ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND STRUCTURES OF SBSRD STANDING**
183 **AND AD HOC COMMITTEES**

184 Board members received a copy of the 2024 SBSRD Board Officers and Committees in their
185 Board packet prior to the meeting.

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187 Chair Connolly wanted to discuss the purpose of the committees, but noted they would not
188 be finalized until January 2025, when the Board Officers are approved.

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190 Jones outlined several potential committees that could best serve the District, including
191 Capital Projects, Policy and Agreements, Personnel, Audit and Finance, Bond, and
192 Director’s Liaison Committees. Jones further explained that either the District Director,
193 Superintendent, or Business Manager could be assigned to lead these committees, with
194 relevant Managers attending as needed to provide additional expertise or information. This
195 proposed structure eliminates department-specific committees.

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197 Chair Connolly noted that committee meetings provide an opportunity to discuss matters
198 privately, and sharing detailed updates or information during Board meetings could
199 eliminate that space for more confidential or in-depth discussions. Jones suggested that
200 such discussions could still take place during the Director’s Liaison meetings.

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202 Singer asked about the elimination of the Strategic Planning committee and Jones said it
203 could be addressed within several of the other proposed committees, depending on the
204 specific focus or initiative at hand. Chair Connolly suggested including strategic planning in
205 the Policy and Agreements committee. She also questioned the necessity of a Capital
206 Projects committee, suggesting that these discussions might be better suited within the
207 Audit and Finance committee, as the projects are often financially driven.

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209 Discussion centered around the potential loss of shared information between Staff and
210 Board if the department-specific committees were eliminated. Concerns were raised about
211 how to best share department information moving forward.

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213 Board and Staff acknowledged there is some redundancy in the current approach. Making
214 a comparison to County operations, Jones explained that it's very rare for County Staff to
215 share reports directly with the County Council or attend the meetings.

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217 Chair Connolly proposed creating an Operations Committee that would combine and take
218 the place of individual department committees. Wagoner noted each Manager may have a
219 different communication preference, and B. Kadziel agreed it can be beneficial for Staff and
220 Board to meet offline to share the narrative surrounding operations beyond just the
221 metrics. Staff and Board reacted positively to the idea of a combined committee to share
222 department-specific updates.

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224 Chair Connolly encouraged the Nominating Committee to find logical connections
225 between Officer roles and those leading the standing committees.

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227 **DISCUSSION OF KPI/METRICS NEEDED FOR STRATEGIC DECISION MAKING**
228 Board members received the KPI/Metrics needed for strategic decision making from Chair
229 Connolly in their Board packet prior to the meeting.

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231 Chair Connolly shared examples of annual reports with Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
232 from other Special Districts in the Snyderville Basin. Chair Connolly explained that these
233 annual reports demonstrate how taxpayer dollars are being spent and provide valuable
234 insights into the District's activities and performance.

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236 Castro noted that Staff are already collecting most of the relevant data but emphasized the
237 need to determine clear goals from those metrics to guide decision-making and ensure
238 that the data is used effectively. Wagoner added that it would be important to determine
239 the formatting of the reports and decide how often this information should be shared.
240 Discussion followed about sharing KPI's quarterly with the Board and annually with the
241 public to show transparency, highlight fiscal responsibility, and explain any potential
242 funding requests. Wagoner is focused on identifying the gap in the information that is
243 already shared with the Board. Chair Connolly said she is looking for meaning behind the
244 numbers including trend analysis and benchmarks. The annual reports should also show
245 accountability based on what is promised in the Strategic Plan.

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247 The discussion document proposed six potential metrics to review including participation
248 and engagement, financial and revenue, operational efficiency, health and safety, facility
249 development and improvement, and community impact. Chair Connolly and Singer agreed
250 it was a good starting point but could be simplified. Moffitt suggested starting with the
251 metrics that the District is already tracking, such as participation and engagement. Bruce

252 suggested gathering metrics that would help show facility capacity and promote a potential
253 bond.

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255 Discussion continued on exploring the metrics that the District currently tracks, identifying
256 what the District doesn't track but should, and determining which metrics may not be
257 necessary. Board members reiterated wanting comparison data and trends over time when
258 looking at metrics such as capacity and congestion. Chair Connolly suggested looking at
259 an automated report that can pull data from the District's various programs.

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261 Wagoner asked how many metrics the Board would like to see, prompting further
262 discussion on which data points would be most valuable. Chair Connolly said there were
263 six areas of focus in the discussion document, but also suggested aligning the metric
264 categories with the Strategic Plan to ensure that the data supports broader organizational
265 goals. The metrics should also align with the Staff Strategic Objectives. Regarding the
266 budget, the Board expressed a desire to see several financial metrics, including cost
267 recovery, revenue generation, operational expenses, and impact fees.

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269 Discussion will continue in the December Board meeting.

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271 **DIRECTORS UPDATE**
272 Board members received the monthly update from District Director, Dana Jones in their
273 Board packet prior to the meeting.

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275 Jones shared that The Fieldhouse was awarded Park City's Best Gym.

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277 Castro inquired about recent conversations with the Park City School District regarding
278 potential construction at Treasure Mountain. Jones responded that there has not yet been a
279 final decision, but the District continues to have discussions at Interlocal meetings,
280 indicating ongoing collaboration and dialogue between the parties involved. Brown added
281 that the School District is currently filling several vacancies on its School Board, which
282 could influence the direction of these discussions or decisions moving forward.

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284 Bruce asked for an update on the Willow Creek Pond project. Wagoner stated that all
285 grading work has been completed, and Staff are pleased with the results so far. Staff will
286 monitor the project's impact over the next season before committing to further
287 construction.

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289 Bruce asked about Ranger uniforms. Jones said that updated uniforms and guidelines for
290 the Ranger team will be ready soon.

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292 Chair Connolly highlighted the amount of funding the District received from RAP Tax
293 Grants, noting that four District projects were awarded funding and will be a high priority in
294 2025. Jones then shared an update on the East Canyon Creek Trailhead.

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296 Singer asked about the construction along Highway 224 that is adjacent to the McLeod
297 Creek Trail. Gines explained that power lines are being placed underground, and once the
298 project is completed, the District will inspect the trail for damage.

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300 Chair Connolly asked about user groups inside Trailside Elementary. J. Kadziel explained
301 that the District is typically responsible for scheduling and collecting revenue from user
302 groups, but currently, Trailside Elementary School is handling these responsibilities
303 instead. J. Kadziel mentioned that the Board can expect to see some edits to the Interlocal
304 Agreement to reflect this arrangement.

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306 Chair Connolly asked for an update on the website project. Chirico provided a positive
307 update, stating that all the copy for the website is completed and the domains have been
308 successfully transferred. Chirico confirmed that the project is progressing smoothly and as
309 planned.

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311 **DISTRICT COMMITTEE UPDATES**

312 Chair Connolly requested Board Committee updates from the following:

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314 **STANDING COMMITTEES**

315 **Audit & Policy Review:** Bruce stated that the committee met, and the information
316 discussed has already been shared.

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318 **District Director Liaison:** Bruce stated that the committee met, and the information
319 discussed was shared in the Board Retreat.

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321 **Parks & Facilities:** did not meet.

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323 **Personnel:** did not meet.

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325 **Recreation:** Brown said that the committee discussed how to best share information with
326 the public regarding recreation facilities and projects.

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328 **Strategic Planning & Interlocal Agreements:** did not meet.

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330 **Trails & Open Space:** Castro shared that the committee discussed the Trails team side
331 vegging and the upcoming Bitner Ranch Trail grand opening. Connolly added that they also
332 discussed cost savings related to weed mitigation and the planting of native seedlings.
333 Gines noted that the Staff widened the trail corridors when completing 22 miles of side
334 vegging, which will help extend the maintenance impact. He mentioned that three Staff
335 members can complete ¼ mile of side vegging per day. Lastly, Gines expects the new Run-
336 A-Muk Trailhead to open in December, and the Staff plan to hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony
337 to mark the occasion.

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339 **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS**

340 Castro noted Utah Outdoor Resources is looking to partner with different Districts to assist
341 with trail work and wondered if Basin Recreation could leverage their help.

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343 Chair Connolly thanked Board and Staff for their involvement in the Board Retreat.

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345 Chair Connolly mentioned that the annual review for Jones was sent to Managers and
346 Supervisors who had direct reports, based on advice from the consultant.

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348 **CLOSED SESSION: PERSONNEL**

349 At 8:41pm, Chair Connolly called for a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of
350 discussing personnel.

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352 A closed meeting affidavit was signed for the discussion of personnel.

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354 Board members in attendance included: Brown, Bruce, Castro, Connolly, Moffitt, Singer,
355 Westberg.

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357 Staff members in attendance included: none.

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359 **MOTION:** To enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel.
360 [WESTBERG/SINGER] All in favor: Brown, Bruce, Castro, Connolly, Moffitt, Singer,
361 Westberg. Opposed: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carries.

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363 At 9:25pm, Chair Connolly called for a motion to close the executive session for the
364 purpose of discussing personnel.

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366 **MOTION:** To close the executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel.
367 [BRUCE/SINGER] All in favor: Brown, Bruce, Castro, Connolly, Moffitt, Singer, Westberg.
368 Opposed: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carries.

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370 **ADJOURN**

371 At 9:26pm, Chair Connolly called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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373 **MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting of November 14, 2024. [WESTBERG/SINGER] All in favor:
374 Brown, Bruce, Castro, Connolly, Moffitt, Singer, Westberg. Opposed: None. Abstain: None.
375 Absent: None. Motion carries.

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377 **MOTIONS:**

378 **MOTION:** To approve the Board meeting minutes from August 8, 2024.
379 [CASTRO/WESTBERG] All in favor: Castro, Moffitt, Singer, Westberg. Opposed: None.
380 Abstain: Brown, Bruce, Connolly. Absent: None. Motion carries.

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MOTION: To approve the Board meeting minutes from September 12, 2024.
[WESTBERG/MOFFITT] All in favor: Brown, Bruce, Connolly, Castro, Moffitt, Westberg.
Opposed: None. Abstain: Singer. Absent: None. Motion carries.

MOTION: To approve the Board meeting minutes from October 10, 2024. [SINGER/BRUCE]
All in favor: Bruce, Castro, Connolly, Singer, Westberg. Opposed: None. Abstain: Brown,
Moffitt. Absent: None. Motion carries.

MOTION: To approve the prior month's expenditures. [BROWN/SINGER] All in favor: Brown,
Bruce, Castro, Connolly, Moffitt, Singer, Westberg. Opposed: None. Abstain: None. Absent:
None. Motion carries.

MOTION: To approve the revisions of the Personnel and Operations policy manual for
recommendation to County Council. [BRUCE/BROWN] All in favor: Brown, Bruce, Castro,
Connolly, Moffitt, Singer, Westberg. Opposed: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion
carries.

MOTION: To enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel.
[WESTBERG/SINGER] All in favor: Brown, Bruce, Castro, Connolly, Moffitt, Singer,
Westberg. Opposed: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carries.

MOTION: To close the executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel.
[BRUCE/SINGER] All in favor: Brown, Bruce, Castro, Connolly, Moffitt, Singer, Westberg.
Opposed: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carries.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting of November 14, 2024. [WESTBERG/SINGER] All in favor:
Brown, Bruce, Castro, Connolly, Moffitt, Singer, Westberg. Opposed: None. Abstain: None.
Absent: None. Motion carries.

Minutes prepared by Lily Chirico

Clerk/Board Member Approval: 