

Paradise Recreation and Park District  
**Board of Directors Special Meeting**  
Terry Ashe Recreation Center, Room B  
July 10, 2019

## MINUTES

The special meeting of the Paradise Recreation and Park District Board of Directors was called to order by Board Vice Chairperson Al McGreehan at 4:03 p.m.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

#### 1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Vice Chairperson McGreehan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 1.2 ROLL CALL:

Present: Vice Chairperson Al McGreehan, Secretary Robert Anderson, Director Julie Van Roekel and Director Rodowick

**ABSENT:** Chairperson Bellefeuille

District Manager Efseaff stated Chairperson Bellefeuille will be late.

#### PRPD STAFF:

District Manager Dan Efseaff, Administrative Assistant II/Management Colleen Campbell, and District Accountant Catherine Merrifield

#### 1.3 WELCOME GUESTS:

Dan Blair, PG&E Government Relations; Scarlett Miller, Michael O'Dell, Perry Vaughn, and Russ Mullins, Paradise Horsemen's Association; Robert Catalano and Chris Jennings, Honey Run Covered Bridge Association; Pamela Posey and Claudia Lang, Centerville Recreation and Historical Association; Bill Hartley, Don Criswell and Michelle Rader, Gold Nugget Museum; and Robert Wing, Paradise Bowhunters Association.

District Manager Efseaff requested that the Board concur to add the Gold Nugget Museum and the Paradise Bowhunters Association representatives to the agenda. The Board concurred with District Manager Efseaff's request.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

### 3. REPORTS – INFORMATION ONLY:

#### 3.1 **The BOD will hear post-fire status reports and plans for the future from various District partnered community groups.**

As indicated on the agenda, Vice Chairperson McGreehan welcomed Dan Blair, PG&E Government Relations Representative, Senior Public Affairs, to the floor to provide a PowerPoint presentation.

**1.3a Dan Blair, PG&E Government Relations Representative, Senior Public Affairs.**

The Board recognized the arrival of Chairperson Bellefeuille at 4:20 p.m.

Mr. Blair provided an overview of PG&E's Community Wildfire Safety Program. By the year 2022 this program will provide 24 hour/7 day a week, real time monitoring and have the ability to monitor high risk weather conditions with 1,300 weather stations, supported by approximately 600 high-definition cameras.

Mr. Blair explained the company's vegetation management program to maintain clearance around power lines by reducing overhanging limbs and branches and removing dead and dying trees that may pose a threat.

He also provided a brief overview of how PG&E responds when power is temporarily shut off due to high risk weather events and the inspection protocol of transmission and distribution lines prior to reenergizing these lines.

Mr. Blair provided a short question and answer period and received comments from guests on how lack of power affects its customer base.

The Board thanked Mr. Blair for his presentation.

**1.3b Scarlett Miller, Paradise Horsemen's Association**

Ms. Miller introduced other attendees from the Association; Michael O'Dell, Perry Vaughn, and Russ Mullins.

Ms. Miller provided a copy of the Association's 2019 Goals and Arena Rebuild Plans and shared that they have been successful in completing the majority of these items. She also reported that they held their first Gymkhana on July 7, 2019 and it was well attended with 65 riders participating.

The Association sustained approximately \$33,000.00 in losses due to the Camp Fire and has spent to date approximately \$30,000.00 in repairs and was still able to award a \$500 scholarship to a student to attend veterinarian school. She thanked the District and Board of Directors for their support and invited all to attend their grand opening on September 29, 2019.

The Board had open dialog with Paradise Horsemen's Association members and offered suggestions for funding such as the Butte Strong Fund, North Valley Community Foundation, and Paradise Rotary.

The Board congratulated the Association on their success in rebuilding their memberships and for the work they've put into the facility and thanked Ms. Miller for her report.

### **1.3c Robert Catalano, President of the Honey Run Covered Bridge Association**

Mr. Catalano summarized the written report presented to the Board, stating the Camp Fire destroyed the 130-year old Honey Run Covered Bridge, adjacent caretaker's residence, and damaged the surrounding park area.

With the desire to rebuild the bridge, the Association sought funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency [FEMA] and was denied. The Association is now working with the County of Butte to obtain right-of-way ownership and in turn then seek funding. They are working with engineers to design the bridge footings and also working with landscape design professionals to create a master plan to redesign the park. It is the Association's goal to make the Butte Creek Canyon area into a recreational and tourist destination through collaborative fundraising efforts.

The Board had open dialog with Mr. Catalano and suggested he keep District staff informed of their progress.

### **1.3d Claudia Lang and Pamela Posey of the Centerville Recreation and Historical Association**

Ms. Lang reported that the Centerville Museum and Schoolhouse survived the fire with minimal damage. The canyon residents have gone down from 412 pre-fire to a current count of 223.

Ms. Posey reported the 49'er Faire in June raised \$12,000 for the Association. They reported future events are scheduled; July 20<sup>th</sup> a Shelter in Place discussion and free barbecue with the Fire Chief and anticipate additional events will follow in the future.

### **1.3e Paradise Piranhas Swim Team (Written Report Only)**

The Board of Directors recognized the written report prepared by the Paradise Piranhas Swim Team that indicated the Swim Team is currently using the Durham Recreation and Park District pool for their winter clinic and will continue in Durham for the summer program. They will reevaluate their status and future direction in the fall.

### **1.3f Don Criswell and Bill Hartley, Gold Nugget Museum**

Mr. Criswell recognized Museum Operations Manager Michelle Rader was also in attendance.

Mr. Criswell reported that the Museum and all outbuildings were destroyed in the fire. They are currently operating out of the Paradise Train Depot Museum but are seeking to reestablish the Gold Nugget Museum as a separate entity and anticipate rebuilding in 3 to 5 years.

The Museum Board lost 10 of its 15 members due to relocation after the fire and are looking at modifying their business model to create an inter-active museum for visitors and students that will include the Camp Fire and recovery of the Town of Paradise. They are seeking grant funding to help with the development.

**1.3g Bob Wing, Vice President of the Paradise Bowhunters Association.**

Mr. Wing reported the Association lost all their improvements to the Coutolenc property due to the Camp Fire. They desire to keep using the district-owned property and rebuild their shooting range and outbuildings but are hindered to do this until FEMA/CalOES completes the debris clean up.

District Manager Efseaff reported the Bureau of Land Management is maintaining its rights to the timber and the timber survey of the 250 acres has been completed. The FEMA/CalOES Right of Entry form has been completed and the District is waiting for them to schedule the debris removal.


The Board thanked the organizations for their status reports and encouraged them to keep District staff up to date on their progress.

**4. BOARD COMMENT: None**

**5. ADJOURNMENT:**

Seeing no further business, the special meeting of the Paradise Recreation and Park District Board of Directors was adjourned at 6:12 p.m. by Chairperson Bellefeuille until the next regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in Room B at the Terry Ashe Recreation Center, 6626 Skyway, Paradise, California.

  
Mary Bellefeuille, Chairperson

  
Robert Anderson, Secretary