

**RIO LINDA ELVERTA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
810 Oak Lane, Rio Linda, California 95673**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 2026**

Call to Order

Chairperson Wayne Del Nero called the meeting to order on September 16, 2026, at 6:00pm. Present were Vice Chairperson Troy Golden, Secretary Lisa L. Morris, Director Charlea R. Moore, and Director Deanna Read. Staff members present included General Manager Mike Heller, Administrative Services Supervisor Annette Hernandez, Parks Supervisor Aaron Prescott, Recreation Supervisor Yanni Lagge, and Administrative Assistant Sandra Mefford. The meeting was broadcast on Zoom Communications.

Public Comments

No Public Comments this month.

Presentations & Announcements

No Presentations or Announcements this month.

Review of Written Correspondence

California Association for Parks & Recreation Indemnity (CAPRI)- Call for nominations.
Received and filed.

Consent Calendar

Motion No. 1

It was moved by Director Moore and Vice Chairperson Golden seconded the motion to approve the consent calendar as follows: (1) Knight Watch Security Monthly Report; (2) Minutes of the August 19, 2026, Board of Directors Regular Meeting; (3) Cash Disbursements, August 31, 2026; (4) Finance Report, August 31, 2026; (5) Park Maintenance Monthly Report, August 2026; (6) Recreation Monthly Report, August 2026; (7) General Manager's Report August 2026; (8) Adoption of Resolution #2026-13 approving an amendment to Policy #2090-Uniforms/Protective Clothing: Motion carried: Ayes; (5); Noes; (0), Abstain; (0), Absent; (0).

General Business

Agenda Item #9

Discussion –District wide Benefit Assessment

General Manager Heller introduced this item to continue a discussion regarding the implementation of a Community Benefit Assessment or Community Facilities District (CFD) Special Tax for funding of Recreation and Park District Park Maintenance and Capital Projects. The Recreation and Park District has been speaking with SCI Consulting regarding this initiative.

- Vice Chairperson Golden asked if the Benefit Assessment would be permanent or if there would be a sunset date to the Assessment.
 - General Manager Heller responded that unless we put a sunset date on it, the Assessment would be in perpetuity.
- Chairperson Del Nero asked about the Class dollars described in the Staff introduction. He also said that as a property owner he was ok with the Benefit Assessment, but as a District Director it may be a tough sell unless there was a very clear message of how the Assessment dollars were used.
 - General Manager Heller answered that CLASS was a money management account for public agencies and the proceeds from the Ponderosa Farms property sale had been deposited into a Class account.

- Director Read suggested we do a survey on our own before we commit to a campaign.
- Director Moore agreed with Director Read and recommended that we create the survey.
 - General Manager Heller said that the Board and Staff can create the questions for a survey and that he could work with SCI to finalize it. Releasing it after the holiday's may be best.
- Chairperson Del Nero said that the main key to the survey would be "Upgrading" the Parks.
- Vice Chairperson Golden asked about just doing the Community Outreach and Planning and asked what the cost would be for just those tasks.
 - General Manager Heller referred to the SCI agreement and responded that the cost would be around \$42,600.00
- Vice Chairperson Golden also stated that the Recreation and Park District would need to figure out how much to assess per home and how many parcels total would be assessed in the community. He also agreed with Chairperson Del Nero on the importance of wording in a survey.
 - General Manager Heller said that he would contact the County to get a number of parcels in the Rio Linda and Elverta zip codes.
- Director Moore stated that the stellar financial responsibility history of the District should be an additional selling point for the assessment.

District Staff were directed to get the information requested and to continue the discussion at the Committee level.

Board of Directors Committee Minutes

Administration and Finance Committee – Met on September 8, 2026. Discussed the District wide Benefit Assessment.

Planning Committee – Did not meet.

Safety and Security Committee – Did not meet.

Dry Creek Parkway – Did not meet.

LAFCo-SDAC – Did not meet. Meeting schedule September 29, 2026

Board of Directors Comments

Secretary Morris thanked the Board of Directors and Staff for all they do. She is looking forward to the RLE Country Fair.

Vice Chairperson Golden said he has the same sentiments as Director Morris. He stated that he would be at the RLE Country Faire and mentioned the Great Gobble Run prior to Thanksgiving. He may or may not be in a Turkey costume at the RLE Country Faire.

Director Read said to Park Supervisor Prescott that the Depot Park and all of the parks look great. She also thanked the rest of the Staff. She is looking forward to the RLE Country Fair.

Director Moore stated that the RLE Country Fair is coming this weekend. She mentioned that there are two weeks left for the Farmers' Market. She commented that the edging around the parks looks good. She is looking forward to the Trunk or Treat Event next month.

Chairperson Del Nero thanked the Staff as they begin to prepare for the busy time of year.

General Manager Comments

General Manager Heller spoke about the \$1,000,000.00 State Appropriation in the current budget waiting to be signed by the Governor. This will be applied directly to the Central Park Project. He also requested that the Board of Directors move the October meeting to the Community Center due to the Trunk or Treat Haunted House. He spoke about the Trunk or Treat as well as about the Community Outreach being conducted during the RLE Country Faire.

Adjournment

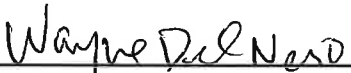
Chairperson Del Nero adjourned the meeting at 6:51pm.

APPROVED: Del Nero, Golden, Moore, Morris, Read

ATTEST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:



Wayne Del Nero
Chairperson, Board of Directions



Lisa L. Morris
Secretary, Board of Director