

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2026**

Call to Order

Chairperson Wayne Del Nero called the meeting to order on May 20, 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, Recreation Supervisor Yanni Lagge and Administrative Assistant Sandra Mefford. Park Maintenance Supervisor Donald Davidson was absent. The meeting was also broadcast on Zoom Communications.

Public Comments

No Public Comments this month

Presentations & Announcements

No Presentations or Announcements this month.

Review of Written Correspondence

Sacramento LAFCo – Recruitment of Public Member and copy of 2026-27 Fiscal year budget. General manager Heller informed if anyone is interested the file date is June 3, 2026. Both documents were received and filed.

Consent Calendar

Item #1 was pulled for Discussion.

Item #1 Vice Chairperson Golden asked if there was any merit to the legal threat from on page 18 of the Knight watch report regarding the Quarter midget track. General Manager Heller stated that they have keys and have been informed that the parks will be locked at dusk. There is no legal merit to the threat.

Director Read inquired about the cancellation of the Candlelight vigil on page #15. General Manager Heller informed the Board of Directors that if the District is contacted, vigils will be allowed prior to dusk. This particular event occurred after dusk when the park was closed. The District also discourages them from the gazebo due to the potential fire hazard.

Motion No. 1

It was moved by Director Moore and Director Read seconded the motion to approve the consent calendar as follows: (1) Knight Watch Security Monthly Report; (2) Minutes of the April 15, 2026 Board of Directors Regular Meeting; (3) Cash Disbursements, April 30, 2026; (4) Finance Report, April 30, 2026; (5) Park Maintenance Monthly Report, April 2026; (6) Recreation Monthly Report, April 2026; (7) General Manager's Report April 2026; (8) Approval of Resolution 2026-06 ordering the levy of special taxes for fiscal year 2026-27 within the Community Facilities District No. 2020-01 (Gibson Crossing); (9) Adoption of Resolution #2026-07 Authorizing participation in the California Special District Association Sacramento Area Chapter Formation; Motion carried: Ayes; (5); Noes; (0), Abstain; (0), Absent; (0).

General Business

Agenda Item #10

Discussion – Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

General Manager Heller introduced this item and reviewed the annual budget process. During the June Meeting a Public Hearing will be held for public comment and to approve the preliminary budget. Staff suggested two changes that are included in the preliminary budget. The \$100,000.00 for the playground will be eliminated from the CIP as the Recreation and Park District is allowed to use Quimby funds for the playground. Currently there is approximately \$149,000.00 in our Quimby account and Staff is recommending using \$140,000.00 of this along with the \$10,000.00 gift from the Foundation. The second adjustment is under property and liability insurance. Originally Staff recommended a 25% increase. However, in 2025-26 our insurance costs actually decreased by over 30%, so the budgeted number included just over a 2% increase to \$125,000.00 up from \$122,450.00. Staff is suggesting that these savings be allocated to increase the Staff assigned to the SAFCA contract and to hire two additional 1300-hour employees for The Parks Division.

There were no questions or comments regarding the preliminary budget presented.

Board of Directors Committee Minutes

Administration and Finance Committee – Met on May 11, 2026. Discussed the preliminary budget, the lack of a serious increase in property tax and the potential to establish a Landscape and Lighting District or similar CFD.

Planning Committee – Did not meet. Scheduled for May 21, 2026

Safety and Security Committee – Did not meet.

Dry Creek Parkway – Met on May 5, 2026. Discussed a fire fuel prevention plan, the installation of a pay station at the Dry Creek Road parkway to charge for parking, Family Health & Fitness Day at Gibson Ranch on June 13, 2026, and the Disk Golf course.

LAFCo-SDAC – Did not meet. Director Moore would like for the District to host one of the LAFCo meetings. Possibly the September 29, 2026 meeting. Director Moore would also like to attempt to get the Rio Linda Elverta Community Water District involved in these meetings.

Board of Directors Comments

Secretary Morris thanked the Directors and the Staff. She is looking forward to Summer.

Vice Chairperson Golden had no comments.

Director Read said the parks look clean, she thanked the staff and is looking forward to upcoming events. She went to the Special District Leadership Foundation training in San Diego. She was very impressed with the discussions regarding District finance and recommended the documentary “All the Queens Horses” a story about a City Administrator funneling money away from her City. Director Read also encouraged the Board to ask questions regarding District finances and get training as available.

Director Moore stated there is so much information out there. She strongly encourages all the Board Directors to complete their CSDA (SDLF) training. The Parks look good and she was happy to see Park Worker Prescott at the meeting. She thanked the Staff and had some questions about the sellers permits at the Farmers’ Market. General Manager Heller and Recreation Supervisor Yanni answered the questions.

Chairperson Del Nero thanked the Staff and is grateful for the first budget presentation.

General Manager Comments

General Manager Heller informed the Board of Directors that Park Maintenance Supervisor Donald Davidson had submitted his resignation for July 2, 2026 and his last scheduled workday will be June 17, 2026. A replacement will more than likely be an internal candidate. He relayed some information about the SB937 Impact Fee Deferral Program presented by Sacramento County. He also provided an update on the public comment period for the upcoming Prop 4 grant cycle. He will introduce more information as it comes in.

Future Agenda Items

General Manager Heller stated the June Meeting will be a public hearing.

Closed Session

The meeting was suspended at 6:46pm under California Codes §54597 – Evaluation of an Employee: General Manager.

Re-Convene to General Business

The General Board Meeting was re-convened at 7:26pm. Chairperson Del Nero reported that the Board of Directors conducted the annual evaluation of General Manager Heller.

Adjournment

Chairperson Del Nero adjourned the meeting at 7:27pm.

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

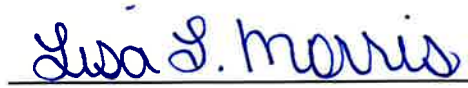
ATTEST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:



Wayne Del Nero
Chairperson, Board of Directions



Lisa L. Morris
Secretary, Board of Directors