

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

OF

BATTLEMENT MESA METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

Held, Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 401 Arroyo Drive,  
Battlement Mesa, Colorado

Call to Order	President Jane Chapman called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.
Attendance	A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Battlement Mesa Metropolitan District, Garfield County, Colorado was called and held as shown above and in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado, with the following Directors present and acting:  Jane Chapman Toby LeBorgne Chris Davidson Shawn McElroy  Steve Rippy, Vinnie Tomasulo, Brenda Locker and Alex Morris were also in attendance.
Public Attendance	Paula Stepp – Middle Colorado Watershed Council Executive Director
Notice	Was posted for the meeting.
Quorum	Was established.
Conflict/Disclosures	None
Public Comments	None
August 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes	A motion was made by Director LeBorgne, seconded by Director McElroy to approve the August 26, 2023, regular meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.
August 2023 Financial Statement and the Account Manager’s Report	A motion was made by Director Davidson, seconded by Director LeBorgne to approve the August 2023 Financials subject to audit. The motion carried unanimously.
Manager’s Report	District Manager Steve Rippy included a copy of the 2024 preliminary budget in the Board’s packet. The Board is not required to take any action regarding the preliminary budget. The preliminary budget has been prepared for the Board to review and provide comments or recommendations. Staff will continue to review and evaluate the budget as well as consider recommendations from the Board in preparing the final budget. The final budget will be presented at the November or December board meeting as the Board’s direction.

The BMMD budgeted \$25,000 in 2023 to do some xeriscape improvements around the office grounds. This past week, management had a contractor begin part of that project by removing overgrown juniper plants and other shrubs behind the office. It is hoped that management may be able to get a landscaper scheduled to install weed barrier, landscape gravel, and modify the irrigation system prior to the end of the year.

BMMD will begin the project of installing a second water main service to the Valley View subdivision beginning September 25<sup>th</sup>. This project was an approved and budgeted project for 2023. The Valley View subdivision is currently served by a single water main. Currently, a break in the main supplying service to the area curtails water service to the subdivision which also curtails adequate fire protection to the subdivision. This scenario has occurred on two separate occasions in the past 4 years. The installation of the second water main provides another source of water in the event another main break occurs in the area. It is anticipated the project will take a couple of weeks to complete.

At the August board of directors meeting, the Board adopted a resolution supporting a mini-grant application for the purpose of purchasing a truck. The deadline for submittal of the grant application was August 31<sup>st</sup>. Unfortunately, we were unable to get the vehicle sales company to provide a quote on the truck in time to submit the grant application.

This past month, management made the decision to dismiss an employee due to job performance. We are in the process of advertising to fill the open position.

#### New Business

Executive Director of the Middle Colorado Watershed Council, Paula Stepp presented information about the council and their new, upcoming collaboratives and projects. The MCWC enhances and protects the water for all uses and for the environment in the watershed from Glenwood Canyon to DeBeque. Since they are a cross-jurisdictional workspace, they find solutions to water-related issues across the region with agricultural, municipal, recreational and ecosystem users. Paula presented the Board with a collaborative that can plan and complete projects to reduce wildfire impacts and post-fire challenges. Paula asked the Board to participate in an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding agreement) between stakeholders for wildfire and post wildfire project work. Manager Steve Rippy will send the Board a copy of the MOU for review, and they will act on the decision at next month's meeting.

The previous BMMD Board of Directors had requested Google Chromebooks for board members to use for board meeting purposes. The Chromebooks have not been used and are not currently being utilized. The current Board of Directors discussed donating them to the Garfield 16 school district.

A motion was made by President Chapman, seconded by Director Davidson to donate the Google Chromebooks to the Garfield 16 school district. The motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Manager Vinnie Tomasulo updated the Board on the progress of the new BMMD website. The website is currently in the testing phase. BMMD staff will upload all the data onto the website in the next two weeks.

Old Business

Other Business

Executive Session

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

The foregoing constitutes the true and correct minutes of the above referenced meeting and was approved by the Board of Directors of the Battlement Mesa Metropolitan District on October 26, 2023.

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Secretary

