

1 **South Davis Recreation District**
2 **Administrative Control Board Meeting**

3 October 3rd, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.
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5 Board Members present in person:

6 Mayor Ken Romney, West Bountiful
7 Rick Earnshaw, County Representative
8 Todd Meyers, County Representative
9 Mayor Brian Horrocks, North Salt Lake
10 Marti Money, County Representative
11 Councilmember Spencer Summerhays, Centerville City
12 Mayor Ryan Westergard, Woods Cross
13 Councilmember Kate Bradshaw, Bountiful City
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15 Others In Attendance:

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| 16 Tif Miller, Executive Director | Jayne Blakesley, District Attorney |
| 17 Tyson Beck, District Clerk | Mary Gadd, Office Manager |
| 18 Galen Rasmussen, District Treasurer | Cory Haddock, Ice & Recreation Director |
| 19 Scott McDonald, Aquatics & Fitness Director | Wendy Jones, Fitness Coordinator |
| 20 Ron Mortensen, Bountiful Resident | |

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22 **WELCOME**

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24 Chairman Meyers opened the meeting at 7:43 p.m..
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26 **SDRD PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE PRESENTATION**

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28 Scott McDonald and Cory Haddock led a presentation about the District's past, the current
29 offerings and a look into the future. They recalled the facilities and the programs that were offered
30 through the Bountiful City operated Bountiful Recreation Center. They highlighted the work that
31 done by past Directors and elected officials to form the District.
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33 At the time of the District facility opening there was only seven full-time employees. There
34 were future additions occurring in 2009 (Assistant Aquatics Director and Building Maintenance
35 Technician), 2013 (Aquatic Operations Manager), 2014 (Recreation Coordinator), 2018 (Recreation
36 Coordinator), 2019 (Head Swim Coach), 2020 (Races & Event Coordinator), and 2022 (Fitness
37 Coordinator) bringing the total number of full-time employees to fifteen. As some of these positions
38 were added, other full-time positions were altered by additional responsibilities being assumed.
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40 Mr. McDonald covered the present aquatic and fitness programs and their challenges. He
41 noted that there are 120+ certified lifeguards because at peak demand a shift can require 15 lifeguards
42 to be on duty. The challenges faced are hiring, training, and retaining staff due to various reasons
43 such as pay scale, education and training required and clout. The swim lesson program, between
44 group and private lessons, has been the largest program in the state and faces similar challenges in
45 hiring, training, and retaining staff, pool space and the fees charged.
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47 The swim teams, both age group and adults, are viewed as an extension of the swim lesson

48 program as they create lifelong swimmers. The age group swim team see about 200+ swimmers,
49 while the masters team see about 40 swimmer and both faces challenges in pool space and hiring,
50 training, and retaining quality coaches. The water polo program was added in 2008 and focuses more
51 on the athlete as a person and faces challenges in finding pool availability, the fees charged and
52 hiring, training, and retaining quality coaches.
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54 The water aerobics classes have been consistent but have developed new class formats and
55 face pool availability, aging participants and instructors and the cost to maintain certifications.
56 Fitness classes at the facility started off with offering 120 classes per month, to currently offering 256
57 classes per month. Challenges faced for fitness class is the facility was designed to limit competition
58 with the private sector, space needed to focus on youth fitness, and hiring, training, and retaining
59 quality instructors.
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61 Mr. McDonald continued that the District was approached to host a race for Handcart Days
62 and then added additional races throughout the next year, including triathlons. The challenges faced
63 are the costs can limit participation and heavy on staffing wages. The community events have been
64 added over the years and are typically revenue neutral but they face a similar challenge with the
65 staffing costs.
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67 Mr. Haddock led a discussion on the ice and recreation programs. The programs that were
68 taken over from Bountiful City recreation department were Jr. Jazz basketball, youth t-ball/coach
69 pitch, tennis, arts & crafts, and adult sport programs like basketball, softball, and volleyball. Over the
70 years the arts & crafts, team & adult tennis, and girls fastpitch programs have all been discontinued
71 due to participation levels and lack of facilities. New programs that have been added to the District's
72 programs have been youth soccer, flag football and volleyball. Soccer was started due to public
73 demand, flag football due to demand for a non-contact option, and volleyball due demand for a
74 recreational offering. Other programs added are pickleball lessons, girls fastpitch and a larger youth
75 baseball program.
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77 Recreation programs face field/gym availability challenges to meet the demand of the number
78 of participants, the late 9:00 p.m. games due to space challenges, the local schools have less space
79 availability, and staffing concerns.
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81 The ice rink offers a learn-to-skate program, several hockey groups for youth, adults, and
82 competition teams, public sessions, and a figure skating club. The ice ribbon at Bountiful Town
83 Square was added in 2020 in collaboration with Bountiful City. The challenges faced are staffing,
84 public demand, and the weather.
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86 In 2020 a master plan was created that provides a guide for the future. Public demand showed
87 support for a 50-meter pool, more fitness spaces, improved accessibility, additional fields, courts, and
88 gymnasiums. Recreation is just as important as other major services like roads, utilities, and police.
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90 **BUDGET DISCUSSION AND EXERCISE**

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92 Mr. Miller addressed the budget and discussed finding the right balance between revenues,
93 expenditures, the cash reserve amount, and the subsidy. Mr. Miller and Mr. Beck fielded questions
94 about increasing the subsidy, how the subsidy is configured, the original bond language, the
95 maximum level of subsidy allowed, and a program-by-program budget review. Mr. Beck noted that

96 the subsidy was focused on because there were not enough expenses that could be eliminated to
97 continue to operate.

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99 Chairman Meyers asked the Board to decide what their top three priorities are for the District
100 over the next 12 months. He also asked the Board to send their specific questions or needs for the
101 budget, so that staff could prepare for the next meeting.

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103 **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

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105 The next meeting will be on Monday, October 24th, 2022.

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107 **CLOSED SESSION**

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109 At 9:26 p.m. Mr. Earnshaw made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting and to move into a
110 closed meeting to discuss pending or imminent litigation. Mayor Horrocks seconded the motion. A
111 roll call vote was held and Board Members Horrocks, Bradshaw, Earnshaw, Westergard, Meyers,
112 Money, Summerhays, and Romney voted “aye.”

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114 Attending the closed session was:

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116 Todd Meyers, County Representative
117 Marti Money, County Representative
118 Councilmember Kate Bradshaw, Bountiful City
119 Councilmember Spencer Summerhays, Centerville City
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