

Elizabeth Park and Recreation District

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors MEETING MINUTES

May 26, 2026 – 7:00 pm

Meeting to be held at:

Casey Jones Pavilion – Casey Jones Park
4189 Highway 86, Elizabeth, CO 80107

- I Call to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance
Kurt Prinslow called the meeting to order at 7:03pm and led the pledge of allegiance. Other members present included Dondi Connelley, Zac Craig, and Aleta Jeffress by phone. Mike Barney was present from staff. Kelly Moffatt joined the meeting at 7:14pm. Patrick McGuckin and Kasia Bullkowski with Performance Services was present from 8pm-9pm.
- II Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting on April 21, 2026
Dondi made a motion to approve the minutes from April 21, 2026. Zac 2nd the motion and all approved.
- III Approval of Agenda
Dondi made a motion to approve the agenda and Zac 2nd. All approved.
- IV Communications to the Board
- Citizen Comment (citizens may address the Board on any topic for up to 2-minutes – additional time may be granted at the discretion of the Board President)
Mike shared that he received an inquiry from the owner of a cricket facility located south of the District boundaries near Elbert regarding a potential collaboration with the District. He explained that the request was to use district athletic fields for some cricket programming. Mike shared that he also informed the individual of a potential regional park site south of Spring Valley that is being planned and could potentially include a cricket field if the need is demonstrated and funding is identified. Mike shared that the individual requested that permanent pitching areas be installed within the existing ballfields to support cricket, and that this raised his concerns. The Board had some general discussion and said they welcome fields to be permitted for cricket activities when not being used for other activities, though acknowledged that the district does not have enough fields currently to meet existing demands. The Board also expressed concerns with the installation of permanent pitching areas on the ballfields and how it would impact safety, irrigation, and maintenance operations. They also questioned resident interest in and demand for cricket facilities within the district and expressed that there are many higher priorities that require district attention and financial resources. Kelly asked Mike to inform the individual that the Board appreciates him reaching out, though they just do not believe that there is any

demonstrated interest from residents that resources should be used for this purpose at this time.

V Executive Session pursuant to Sections 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S., concerning conference with district attorney regarding EC west district overlap consent agreement negotiations. Dillon Sera with Collins, Cole, Winn, Ulmer joined the meeting virtually at 7:15pm. Dondi made a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to Sections 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S., concerning conference with district attorney regarding EC west district overlap consent agreement negotiations. Kelly 2nd the motion and all approved. Dondi made a motion to exit Executive Session pursuant to Sections 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S., concerning conference with district attorney regarding EC west district overlap consent agreement negotiations at 7:53pm. Zac 2nd the motion and all approved. Dillon Sena then exited the meeting.

VI Continued Business

- Discuss Recreation Center Community Campaign Efforts

Mike asked the Board about their thoughts of the financial analysis that was received from Municipal Capital Markets Group and how they want to proceed. He expressed that he was disheartened quite a bit with the gap between the updated proposed rec center cost, estimated at \$44M, and the \$18M budget that could be made available should the ballot initiative pass in November. Kurt expressed that the District now needs to completely revisit the design and determine exactly what can be delivered to residents for the construction budget that we know can be available. He acknowledged that this will take some time and questioned whether we will have adequate time to complete the redesign and then effectively share the concept with residents before the election. The Board then had some general discussion of options and the timeline for developing a new or revised facility design and what that process could entail. Kurt then suggested that the presentation from Performance Services may provide some more information for the Board to consider and suggested the Board pause this discussion until after hearing from them. All other board members expressed agreement and the discussion was tabled.

- Stampede Planning and Logistics

Mike shared that he and some staff will be staffing the Evans Park parking lot to charge for parking during Stampede events. He said that they will charge \$25 per car and that funds will be used to help support youth sport programs. The Board was in agreement that Evans Park offered premium parking and tail gating opportunities since event parking was moved to the high school and approved Mike's request to collect a parking fee and use the funds to support youth sports programs.

VI New Business

- Financing Projections for Potential Recreation Center and Design Considerations

This was discussed under the rec center community campaign effort update under Continued Business and was not revisited by the Board.

- Presentation by Patrick McGuckin with Performance Services – Rec Center Planning
Patrick Mc Guckin along with Kasia Bullkowski of Performance Services introduced themselves to the Board and thanked them for allowing an opportunity to introduce themselves and their services. They proceeded to offer a presentation describing their firm, the types of projects that they have completed, and how they could assist the District with their project through a design / build approach. Patrick explained that Performance Services aims to be a one stop shop for all matters related to the project including design, construction, finance planning, campaign coordination and in some cases grant support. He explained that this approach eliminates layers of mark-ups and offers much greater transparency throughout the project. He listed and explained other benefits they can offer including a guarantee of no change orders, the ability to make adjustments on the fly, greater cohesion amongst project stakeholders, and ultimately lower costs. Patrick explained that they have a standard MOU they enter into with clients that can allow them to work together without making a long-term commitment for future work on the project. He explained that while they always hope that they win the opportunity to be the lead contractor on the project, that is a risk they take in investing their own resources early on to demonstrate the value of their services. He shared that they are currently working with the Elizabeth Library on their expansion project and that their grant writer had recently helped the library successfully secure a \$5M grant. The Board thanked Patrick and Kasia for attending the meeting and offering assistance with the rec center project. Patrick and Kasia then departed the meeting.

The Board then returned to their discussion of the recreation center community campaign efforts. Kurt and Dondi both suggested that the board should consider pushing the ballot initiative to the May 2027 election to allow time to make the needed adjustments in the design and ensure the public has an opportunity to know exactly what they will be voting to fund. Kurt suggested that the current rec center advocates group could assist in the redesign process and allow for resident input. Dondi expressed that we should be sure to keep any fluff from the design and ensure that the focus is on maximizing the utility of the facility and not the aesthetics. Aleta stated that pushing the vote to May could help demonstrate that the district is doing its due diligence and taking the time needed to ensure questions are answered rather than speeding ahead with unknowns. Zac and Kelly both shared concerns of losing momentum and questioned whether the investment already made in campaign consultation would have any value if the election is pushed forward. Mike commented that he believes a solid foundation had been created for the campaign, which could be reactivated later in the year and that it may be possible to suspend the contract with Groundswell and restart it later in the year at the appropriate time. Kelly expressed that while he was committed to the November election, he tends to agree that the district must present the public with a facility that is within the parameters of the budget so they know exactly what they are voting for. He asked each Board Member how they felt the District should proceed and all members were in agreement that the District should look at asking voters to fund the recreation center in May of 2027 rather than in November of 2026.

Kurt then asked how quickly the redesign process should be initiated. Mike stated that he believes it should start as soon as possible to allow the most time to share it with the community before next May. Kurt then asked if we should reach out to Capital AE and see how they may be able to assist with the facility redesign. He suggested that they could assist with developing an RFP for the design work and coordinate the proposal review and selection process for the District. Zac expressed that he believes the District should pursue a design / build approach which will save some overhead costs and help contain the budget. Kelly stated that Mike should get the draft MOU from Performance Services for the Board to review and assess the level of commitment that is needed to begin utilizing some of the services that were offered. Mike said that he would follow up and send the draft MOU to the Board once he receives it.

VII Report of Administrator and Staff

- Budget Report

Mike reviewed the budget report. He shared that through April the District has recorded just over \$965K in revenue and has expended just over \$583K. He said he has no concerns at this point and that revenues and expenses are generally tracking as expected. He reported that the District currently has \$885,540 in its cash accounts and that at year end, the balance is projected to be \$646,220.

- Maintenance Report

Mike reviewed the maintenance report and listed tasks / projects completed over the last month including: irrigation system repairs, repaired fence near Casey Jones Park playground, mowing of native areas, removed pine needles from campground, sprayed for weeds in native areas, prepped the splashpad for opening, and other tasks. Kurt asked about when the pickleball shelter will be built and Mike reported that construction should begin the week of June 15th and be completed by the end of the month.

- Programs Report

Mike reviewed the programs report. He said that youth volleyball and soccer seasons recently ended and that both seasons were a success. He noted some survey responses related to officiating and said it is an area that the District continues to try and make improvements. He said youth baseball is now 3 weeks into its season with 185 youth enrolled in t-ball and coach pitch and despite some weather related challenges, things are going well. In adult sports, he shared that spring kickball and pickleball leagues were wrapping up and that adult softball will start in mid-June with 10 teams.

- Childcare Programs Report

Mike reviewed the childcare programs report. He shared that planning for summer day camp is wrapping up and that registrations are exceeding projections with several days at both sites completely full at 30 youth. He said camp begins June 1 and will run for 10 weeks.

VIII Other Matters

No other matters were discussed.

IX Adjournment

Dondi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:43pm. Zac 2nd the motion and all approved.