



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 6:00 pm
District Office Building
62 Plaza Drive
Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

Remote Meeting Information:

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88248027172>

Phone: 1-346-248-7799

Meeting ID: 882 4802 7172

Guidelines for effective interaction:

- Participate. Ask questions. All input is valid.
- Share thoughts respectfully. Be honest and candid.
- Seek first to understand all sides of an issue.
- Be respectful of others.
- No defensiveness. Respect constructive criticism.

Agenda:

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Anderson was unable to attend in person, so she asked Vice Chair Mark Dickerson to run this meeting. Chairperson Anderson was online. Vice Chair Dickerson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call

Members Present	Mark Dickerson Director, Andy Jones Director, Carolyn Schierholz Director, Nancy Smith Director, Renee Anderson Chairman of the Board, David Simonson Director, Eric Rysner Director
Members Absent	None
Staff	Janet Grovenor, Stephanie Stanley, Sherry Eppers, Dirk Ambrose, Ken Standen, Jill Hall, Kristi Robinson, Neil Alderson, Ryan Edwards, Carolyn Peters, Forrest Dykstra, Zach Cartaya

Also in attendance were five citizens from the community.

4. Guest Presentations

a) Mile High Flood District Update – Laura Kroeger, Executive Director

Laura gave a high-level overview of what the Mile High Flood District (MHFD) does and the priorities of their organization: safety, the community, stewardship and learning. She shared a district boundary map saying they serve 7 counties and 33 incorporated entities. MHFD has a variety of responsibilities including identification and mapping of floodplains, preparing planning studies, working with development on smart development, and purchase flood prone properties. They also design, construct and maintain improvements that provide the highest function and lower maintenance based on the site and community context. Education is really what put them on the map starting with urban stormwater criteria and their flood warning system. She shared that MHFD's partnership goals are to reduce flood risks with cost effective and safe public infrastructure while promoting healthy streams and recreation to support active and healthy lifestyles and educational opportunities.

Director Schierholz asked Laura as Denver Water proceeds with transfer of the Highline Canal did she think that was going to put more work on her organization? Laura said that what Denver Water's interest was more about water quality than stormwater infrastructure so from a dollars standpoint it is really hard for MHFD to justify involvement but from a partnership standpoint they want to be at the table because they do feel like they offer some expertise so they are part of the planning studies to see where there might be some flood risk issues and can participate at a dollar level that aligns with their priorities and they will also be helping with managing maintenance. Director Schierholz also asked about the older cottonwood trees and what happens if they start falling down or if they get flooded out, would that be something that MHFD could help out with, or would our staff have to address? Laura said this would be something potentially our staff would have to address however, Denver Water has set aside funds to assist with this process prior to the transfer.

The board thanked Laura for her time and for her presentation.

b) Centennial Water and Sanitation District New Name and Logo – Sam Calkins

Deferred until September 18th Study Session Meeting.

5. Public Comments and Questions: Limit three minutes per person

For online attendees, please use the Q&A feature to comment. Provide your full name and address with your comment.

Rich (Highlands Ranch resident, refused full name and address) Read the attached comments regarding the unhoused population.

Dennis Epperly – Informed the board of his concerns regarding Xcel Energy's lack of maintenance for their infrastructure causing potential future outages.

There were no online comments or questions.

6. Reaffirmation of Disclosure

There were no changes.

7. Staff Presentations

There were no staff presentations.

8. Discussion Items

There were no Discussion Items

9. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes for July 30, 2024

Motion by Simonson / Second by Jones

7 – 0 Motion Pass Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

Vice Chair Dickerson alerted staff to a minor mistake on these minutes under HRMD 24-145 listing an absent vote for a total of 8 votes. Janet will correct this error prior to posting online.

10. Receive and File

a) Study Session Minutes for August 21, 2024

Vice Chair Dickerson invited a motion to approve the Study Session Minutes with the amendment that each board member had in front of them.

Motion by Simonson / Second by Schierholz

7-0 Motion Pass Abstain: None Absent: 0

b) Vision Workshop Minutes for July 26, 2024

Motion by Schierholz / Second by Rysner

6 – 0 Motion Pass Abstain: 1 Absent: 0

Director Simonson abstained from this vote as he was not in attendance for the Vision Workshop meeting.

11. Approval of Business Agenda

Motion by Jones / Second by Schierholz

7 – 0 Motion Pass Abstain: None Absent: 0

12. Consent Business

a) HRMD-24-146: Ratification of July 2024 Cash and Investment Transactions – Tom Rose

b) HRMD-24-147: 2023 Audited Financial Statements – Zach Cartaya

- c) HRMD-24-148: Highlands Ranch Service Center Roof Replacement – Tyler Ensign
- d) HRMD-24-149: Highline Canal Parking Lot Replacement – Tyler Ensign
- e) HRMD-24-150: Eruv License Agreement – Ken Standen
- f) HRMD-24-151: Senior Center Approve Appropriation – Forrest Dykstra
- g) HRMD-24-152: North Mansion Driveway Sidewalk – John Donakowski

Motion by Simonson / Second by Schierholz

7 – 0 Motion Pass

Abstain: None

Absent: 0

13. Special Reports

a) District Staff

General Manager Stanley reminded the board that the legislative special session began this week, so she is monitoring the property tax legislation currently being heard. It has been read in the House and once it moves through the House it will go to the Senate. It has support from both sides of the aisle. Stephanie had several calls with other Special Districts in Colorado discussing concerns and trying to document potential lost revenue as it relates to the proposed property tax measure. It is a reduction in the residential assessment rate so that would have a significant impact our revenue. As it moves through, there may be amendments so she will keep the board updated as she learns more but this, but it will probably pass. Director Jones inquired about the impact this could have to which the Director of Finance and Administration Zach Cartaya answered and said he was working with legal counsel on this.

Vice Chair Dickerson asked if there is potential in the future to increase the mill levy if the residential assessment rate lowers to allow revenues not to decrease. General Manager Stanley said at this time the way the bill is written we would not be allowed to increase the mill levy.

General Manager Stanley also reminded the board that Pioneer Days was coming up in early September and wanted to extend an invitation to the board.

She also reminded the board of the Toepfer Park Playground Renovation Open House that we will be hosting this Thursday at the park from 5-7:00 pm.

Director Jones asked her how word was getting out to which he was told through social media and our website as well as signs at the park. Director Jones asked Community Relations Manager Sherry Eppers if she had flyers that he could pass out to his neighbors and was told we didn't but that she would email him information tomorrow that he could share.

b) Legal Counsel

Kathryn asked if any staff or board members will be attending the SDA conference her firm does a kickoff party the night before. Please make sure you RSVP.

c) Chairperson

Nothing from Chairperson Anderson.

d) Directors

Director Jones wanted to remind everyone that the Douglas County Community Foundation is hosting their second annual Hero's Gala on September 13th at Centennial Airport in one of the hangars. Last year they raised over \$600,000 which all goes back to the community in grants. Please let him know if you are interested in attending.

14. Public Comments and Questions: Limit three minutes per person

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Jennifer Harris, 518 English Sparrow Trail - was online and said she would like to know if a cost analysis for the Metro District has been put together for the change of Lucent Boulevard to Kendrick Castillo that was approved by the Commissioners earlier this afternoon? General Manager Stanley said that Forrest Dykstra has been working with Douglas County Public Works department to get Douglas County the information they need to get a quote for the new illuminated street signs, that is the only signage owned by the Metro District. Jennifer Harris also requested to please add a statement that the reduction in the mill levy was appreciated and noted as being the right thing to do.

15. Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District Adjourned

Chairperson Anderson invited a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Jones made the first and Director Schierholz made the second.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51PM.

Motion by Jones / Second by Schierholz

7 – 0

Motion Pass

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Houseless/homeless/roof over thy head issue:

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Rich

Call me to start an actual **DIRELY** needed coalition to stop this absurd and ever increasing Madness from government and much of the community: If, and only if...you have a **WORKING** Conscience: Not just lip service/not just lip service of how "good/right/caring—you are/you are—but in fact **LIVE AND LET LIVE** in your **ACTIONS**, more importantly, in your **IN-ACTIONS**!
To Strangers/**TO STRANGERS**!

Let's **LEGALIZE, LEGALIZE** a Euthanasia Pill/a Euthanasia Pill/a Euthanasia Pill...

...that allows the mature 'brick and mortar' **HOUSELESS** adults to leave this abject nightmare they face in your town, this state, this country...peacefully, lovingly, painlessly—with family and friends all around---to finally **RELEASE** them from the **SHEER** Ignorance, shameless hypocrisy, **UTTER** void of **ACTUAL** decency/respect/and a simple letting people take care of themselves in the way **THEY** see fit.

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In our "QUOTE" deep spirituality/**SUPERIORITY**/Virtuousness—we **TENACIOUSLY** claim to be —let's just- (**YOUR WORDS, NOT MINE**) -let's just, **ONCE AND FOR ALL**, get rid of:

This Scourge
The lazy
The bums
The drug addicts
The mentally disturbed
The eye sores
the property value **DEPRECIATORS**
The vagrants
The do-nothings
The perverts
The leeches
The parasites

By allowing **THEM!** to be done with this **MENTALITY** of monstrous Evil masquerading as all good/right and the American way.

^{50 year researcher}
YouTube: Stanford Prof/Dr Robert Sapolsky—his book: "Determined."
For **STEEPLY** researched academic condemnation of this mentality.