MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF

THE CONSOLIDATED BELL MOUNTAIN RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT (THE "DISTRICT")

HELD MARCH 5, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Consolidated Bell Mountain Ranch Metropolitan District ("Metro District") was convened on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Lowell Ranch, 2330 S. I-25, East Frontage Road, Castle Rock, CO 80104.

ATTENDANCE

Directors In Attendance Were:

Russell Grant, President Steve Vrabel, Vice President Jeanne Dassel, Treasurer Jay Smith, Secretary

John Booth, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Also, In Attendance Were:

Nic Carlson and Korben Heim: CliftonLarsonAllen LLP Tim Flynn; Collins Cole Flynn Winn & Ulmer, PLLC

John McKillip; APM

Gwen Kalvelage; 3983 Bell Mountain Drive

Larry Lomison; 501 Chandelle Road Paul Dassel; 1267 Stardust Circle Dennis Sykes; 4198 Old Gate Road John Uzzell; 4625 High Spring Road

I. CALL TO ORDER Director Grant called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. DECLARATION OF QUORUM/ **DIRECTOR**

Disclosure of Conflicts: Upon polling, no Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure was required from any of the Directors.

QUALIFICATIONS/ **POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF**

Quorum and Location of Meeting: A quorum and location of meeting was confirmed.

III. APPROVAL OF

INTEREST

AGENDA

Upon a motion duly made by Director Vrabel, seconded by Director Dassel and, upon vote, unanimously carried, the Board approved the Agenda, as amended to with the addition of Item VIII-H: Community park loop road relocation.

IV. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Resident Paul Dassel commented on the possible gating of the community, noting that legal matters are at issue, since improvements/facilities were financed through public bond dollars. Mr. Dassel requested that a legal opinion be obtained addressing the question of whether or not BMR can be legally gated, and if so, under what conditions/requirements.

Mr. Foster inquired about how much interest there is in the gating community. Director Grant stated that this topic is on the meeting agenda and will be discussed later in the meeting.

Ms. Kalvelage stated that voles are active in the landscape rocks at the front gate, which could jeopardize plants that are planted there. She asked that an exterminator treat the front gate area for voles. Director Grant stated that the front gate area is treated twice a year by an exterminator for voles. The next treatment is scheduled for late March.

V. APM MONTHLY REPORT

Mr. McKillip provided his report to the Board noting that installation of the new steel posts for the caution signs and horse crossing signs has been completed. The need to repaint horse crossing stripes on the roadway at several locations was discussed, as was the need to repair the road shoulder washouts on Chandell Road. The repair of washouts at multiple locations is ongoing. Mr. McKillip stated that grass aeration/fertilization, irrigation work and landscape cleanup work is scheduled to begin at the BMR front gate area and Community Park. Repair of the water fountain and backfill of the irrigation piping near the Park irrigation backflow preventer are yet to be completed.

VI. MANAGERS REPORT/ADMINIST RATIVE MATTERS

A. Review and Consider Approval of the Minutes of February 6, 2024 Regular Meeting: Following review and discussion, upon a motion duly made by Director Booth, seconded by Director Dassel and, upon vote, unanimously carried, the Board approved the February 6, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended for a minor name spelling correction.

VII. FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. Review and Consider Approval of Claims Report/Check Register for February 2024 Totaling \$58,530.43, Including Water Fund Costs: Director Grant reviewed the claims with the Board. Following review and discussion, upon a motion duly made by Director Vrabel, seconded by Director Smith and, upon vote, unanimously carried, the Board approved the claims report/check register dated February 2024 totaling \$58,530.43, as presented.

B. Review and Accept Cash Position Schedule as of March 2024: Director Grant reviewed the March 2024 Cash Position Schedule with the Board. Following review, upon a motion duly made by Director Vrabel, seconded by Director Dassel and, upon vote, unanimously carried, the Board accepted the Cash Position Schedule as of March 2024, as presented.

VIII. DIRECTOR DISCUSSION-ACTION A. Update on School Bus Parking on Autumn Sun Circle – Director Dassel:

Director Dassel reported that she had collaborated with the Douglas County School District Transportation Department to choose a new location for the bus stop. Effective on 20 Feb 2024, the school bus stop was moved from the entrance of Autumn Sun Circle to the entrance of the BMR Community Park. This new location provides safe parking for students' parents and alleviates safety concerns regarding the pickup/ drop off for students. School buses will now make a turn around on Rusty Dawn Circle without stopping before proceeding to the entrance of the BMR Park for student drop off/ pickup. This location provides a hard stopping surface, a sufficient distance for the bus safety lights to be engaged before the bus stops and easy access to the existing BMR walking paths for students who walk home.

B. Update on Fire Mitigation Project-Director Grant: Director Grant stated that the last item remaining in execution of the project is collection of the reimbursements from the State and Douglas County. Only the final reimbursement request for \$48,075 is yet to be received.

Director Booth pointed out that an item posted on the Metro District website regarding this project is outdated. Director Grant will forward a current update to CLA to post on the website.

During discussion regarding fire mitigation, the topic of homeowner-initiated fire mitigation projects was brought up. The residents at 4622 High Spring Rd, Chris & Sandra Sheets, submitted a project to the HOA for fire mitigation in their "C" zone. The HOA does not have authority to approve projects in the "C" zone. The Board appointed Director Booth to be the point of contact to deal with the submitted request. Director Booth will contact the residents to let them know that the Metro District will consider their submittal for approval at the April Metro Board meeting. Furthermore, it was agreed that the Metro District needs to issue a formal policy regarding homeowner-initiated fire mitigation projects. Such a policy will require coordination with the HOA, since fire mitigation can include work in all three building zones.

C. Update on BMR-TCR Water Main Connector – Director Grant: Director Grant reported that there has been no major progress. He stated that the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Metro District and the Town of Castle Rock (TCR) includes an easement through Glade Gulch from the TCR well near the Community Park to the BMR Water Treatment Plant (WTP). A new water line is being planned to connect the TCR well to the WTP. The survey work for the new water line will be done soon, with construction planned in 2025.

<u>D. Update on COMCAST Fiber Installation – Director Booth:</u> Director Booth reported that the COMCAST subcontractor is repairing shoulders and ruts, but they have not yet done reseeding, which will be done this spring. The marker flags will be picked up soon. The Board discussed seed mix and application.

- **E.** Acquisition of the Electronic BMR Trail Application Director Booth: Director Booth reported that Sean Molloy is continuing to work on getting the Metro District registered as the owner of the Trail App and figuring out how modifications to the App can be made. There was a question raised regarding whether or not the "A", "B" and "C" zones could be added to the Trail App, which will need to be researched.
- **F.** Update on HOA Study to Gate BMR Director Grant: Director Grant reported that a joint Metro District-HOA Study Session meeting has been planned for 13 March 2024 to discuss the legal issues regarding possibly restricting access of the general Public to BMR by gating the entrance/exit roads to BMR. The respective legal representatives of the Metro District and the HOA will be present.
- G. Update on Equestrian Center Trails and Equestrian Center Items Director Dassel: Director Dassel reported that a proposed licensing agreement has been sent to the Equestrian Center (EC) for their review and comment. The EC owners have forwarded the agreement to their attorney for review. Director Vrabel expressed concern that some information may have been left out of the agreement provided to the EC. Director Dassel assured the Board that she believed the essential elements of items approved for inclusion were contained in the draft agreement.
- **H. Relocation of Loop Road next to Community Park:** Director Grant reported that the property owner adjacent to the south boundary of the Community Park has complained that the equestrian trail markers along the loop road are still in place and that since a portion of the loop road encroaches on her property that this presents an increased insurance liability for the homeowner. Director Grant stated that the errant trail markers would be removed and that the Metro District would plan on relocating the loop road entry a maximum of 5' to the north to eliminate the encroachment on the homeowner's property. In addition, the current plan to move the Metro District storage shed to the loop road will be revisited.
- I. Update on Planning for Drainage Ditch and Homeowner Slope Restorations—Director Smith: Director Smith reported that letters to residents are being prepared. He stated that surveying and estimating costs for ongoing work are beginning on Enchantra Circle. Directors Booth and Smith discussed possibly working in coordination with a Comcast subcontractor to repair areas. Director Smith also reported that there has been no further progress regarding the claim the District filed with Douglas County regarding the damages caused by drainage from the County owned property at the end of Riva Rose Circle.
- <u>J. Discussion on Mowing "C" Zones:</u> Directors Booth and Smith brought up questions regarding the Metro District's policy pertaining to mowing "C" zones, especially as it relates to last year's extraordinarily high grass growth. The Board

agreed that the Metro District needs to issue a policy regarding mowing "C" zones and fire mitigation in "C" zones.

IX. ATTORNEY **MATTERS**

A. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 24-6-402(4) (b) C.R.S. for purpose of obtaining legal advice from counsel regarding the potential gating of Bell Mountain Ranch: Upon a motion duly made by Director Booth, seconded by Director Dassel and, upon vote, unanimously carried, the Board entered into Executive Session at 7:32 p.m.

Upon a motion duly made by Director Booth, seconded by Director Dassel and, upon vote, unanimously carried, the Board adjourned out of Executive Session at 8:24 p.m.

There was no action taken.

X. OTHER

A. Confirm Quorum for April 2, 2024 Board Meeting: The Board confirmed that a quorum should be available for the April 2, 2024 Board meeting; however, this is subject to change as three Directors may not be available.

XI. ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, upon a motion duly made by Director Booth, seconded by Director Dassel and, upon vote, unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

> Respectfully submitted, Jay Smill Secretary for the MECTIFE

XII. ATTORNEY'S **STATEMENT**

Pursuant to Section 24-6-402(2)(d.5) II (B), C.R.S., I, Timothy J. Flynn, attest that I am the attorney for the Consolidated Bell Mountain Ranch Metropolitan District and that I was present at the time the Board convened an Executive Session on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at approximately 7:32 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from counsel regarding the legal ramifications of possibly limiting access to BMR of the general public by constructing access gates on the entry and exit roads to BMR. The Board did not adopt any policy, rule, regulation, or take any formal action during the Executive Session.

> Timothy Flynn, Attorney Collins, Cole, Flynn, Winn, Ulmer, PLLC

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