

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MCKINLEYVILLE COMMUNITY
FOREST COMMITTEE (MCFC) HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.
IN PERSON AT AZALEA HALL – 1620 PICKETT ROAD, MCKINLEYVILLE, CALIFORNIA

and

TELECONFERENCE Via ZOOM & TELEPHONE:

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Item I

a. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

b. Roll Call

The following committee members and staff were in attendance in person at Azalea Hall.

Gregory Orsini, Chair, MCSD Board Director (Non-Voting Member)
Joseph Blaine, MCSD Board Secretary (Clerk)
Pat Kaspari, MCSD General Manager
James Henry, MCSD Operations Director
Kirsten Messmer, MCSD Parks and Recreation Director
Jens Andersen, MCSD Recreation Coordinator
Maya Conrad, MMAC Appointee Member
Jennifer Ortega, PARC Appointee Member
Joel Rink, Forester/RPF Member
Tyler Brown, Natural Resources Services Agency Member
Desiree Early Dorvall, Natural Resources/Biologist Member
Michele Stephens, McKinleyville Resident Member
Todd Truesdell, At-Large Member
Christopher Collier, Alternate Natural Resources Agency Member,
Nicole West, Alternate Natural Resources/Biologist Member

The following committee members and staff were in attendance via Zoom.

Kevin Creed, At-Large Member

Absent: James Biteman, MCSD Board Director (Non-Voting Member)
Kevin Dreyer, Alternate MMAC Appointee Member,
Mersadies Campbell, Alternate Forester Member

It was recognized by Chair Orsini that Kevin Creed was present via Zoom and had requested to participate remotely with just cause under the regulations of AB 2449. Mr. Creed stated that no one over the age of 18 was present in the room at his location of participation.

Motion: It was moved to approve Kevin Creed to participate remotely under the guidance of AB 2449

Motion by: Kaspari **Second:** Dorvall

Roll Call: Ayes: Kaspari, Henry, Messmer, Andersen, Conrad, Ortega, Rink, Brown, Dorvall, Stephens, Truesdell

Nays: None

Abstain: Creed

Motion Summary: Motion passed.

c. Flag Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Orsini.

Item II - Approval of Agenda

Motion: It was moved to approve the agenda.

Motion by: Kaspari **Second:** Conrad

Roll Call: Ayes: Kaspari, Henry, Messmer, Andersen, Conrad, Ortega, Rink, Brown, Dorvall, Stephens, Truesdell, Creed

Nays: None

Motion Summary: Motion passed.

Item III – Approval of the August 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Maya Conrad noted that her name should have been included in the Forest Management Plan and Funding/Budget Sub-Committee.

Motion: It was moved to approve the August 20, 2024 meeting minutes with the amendment from Maya Conrad.

Motion by: Messmer **Second:** Brown

Roll Call: Ayes: Kaspari, Henry, Messmer, Andersen, Conrad, Ortega, Rink, Brown, Dorvall, Stephens, Truesdell, Creed

Nays: None

Motion Summary: Motion passed. Please further note Item VI.

Item IV – Public Comment

Chair Orsini acknowledged James Vance's written public comment that was included in the agenda packet distributed to the committee and available for viewing on the District website.

Public comment was given by the following individuals:

Nicole West, McKinleyville Resident

Aaron McKenna, Par Infinity – Humboldt County Disc Golf

Santiago Espinoza, Par Infinity – Humboldt County Disc Golf

Charlie Caldwell, McKinleyville Resident

Item V – Presentation from Staff On Overview of Progress to Date (Information)

MCSD Operations Director Henry presented the item.

Committee members asked clarifying questions.

It was requested that the executed memorandums of understanding (MOUs) with both the Redwood Coast Mountain Bike Association (RCMBA) and Mountain Bike Tribal Trails Alliance (MBTTA) be brought back to the committee for review as an information item.

Public Comment was given by the following individuals:

Shaun Fyfe, Mountain Bike Tribal Trails Alliance

Charlie Caldwell, Humboldt Skatepark Collective

This was an information only item. No action was taken.

Item VI – Consider Appointment of Public Member Applicants to Forest Management Plan and Funding/Budget Subcommittee (Action)

MCSD Board Secretary Blaine overviewed the item.

It was noted by Parks and Recreation Director Messmer that there were other discrepancies in the August 20, 2024 meeting minutes in regard to committee members assignments to the subcommittees. Chair Orsini suggested and the committee agreed to rescind the prior approval of the August 20, 2024 minutes and bring the amended version back for approval at the October 15, 2024 regular meeting.

Parks and Recreation Messmer relayed that no public members applications had been received for this committee yet.

The committee moved to table the item until the October 15, 2024 meeting allowing the September 20, 2024 application deadline pass.

Motion: It was moved to table item VI until the October 15, 2024 meeting.

Motion by: Messmer **Second:** Dorvall

Roll Call: Ayes: Kaspari, Henry, Messmer, Andersen, Conrad, Ortega, Rink, Brown, Dorvall, Stephens, Truesdell, Creed

Nays: None

Motion Summary: Motion passed.

Item VII – Consider Appointment of Public Member Applicants to Trails, Infrastructure, and Security Subcommittee (Action)

MCSD Board Secretary Blaine gave a summary of the item.

Parks and Recreation Director Messmer noted that since the Committee packet was published, several more applications had been received.

Committee discussion ensued.

The committee briefly discussed the eligibility of applicants from outside of the MCSD district boundary, ultimately affirming that application from outside the District boundary would not be considered.

Public comment was given by Lauren West, Subcommittee Applicant and Fieldbrook resident.

The committee moved to table the item until the October 15, 2024 meeting allowing the September 20, 2024 application deadline pass.

Motion: It was moved to table item VII until the October 15, 2024 meeting.

Motion by: Trusdell **Second:** Stephens

Roll Call: Ayes: Kaspari, Henry, Messmer, Andersen, Conrad, Ortega, Rink, Brown, Dorvall, Stephens, Truesdell, Creed

Nays: None

Motion Summary: Motion passed.

Item VIII – Consider Forest Management Plan and Funding/Budget Subcommittee Meeting Schedule (Action)

MCSD Parks and Recreation Director Messmer overviewed the item.

The committee held a brief discussion on meeting time and place.

Motion: It was moved to hold meetings of the Forest Management Plan and Funding/Budget Subcommittee on the first Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at the MCSD District Office Conference Room.

Motion by: Messmer **Second:** Rink

Roll Call: Ayes: Kaspari, Henry, Messmer, Andersen, Conrad, Ortega, Rink, Brown, Dorvall, Stephens, Truesdell, Creed

Nays: None

Motion Summary: Motion passed.

Item IX – Consider Trails, Infrastructure, and Security Subcommittee Meeting Schedule (Action)

MCSD Parks and Recreation Director Messmer overviewed the item.

The committee held a brief discussion on meeting time and place.

Motion: It was moved to hold meetings of the Trails, Infrastructure, and Security Subcommittee on the second Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at the MCSD District Office Conference Room.

Motion by: Stephens **Second:** Henry

Roll Call: Ayes: Kaspari, Henry, Messmer, Andersen, Conrad, Ortega, Rink, Brown, Dorvall, Stephens, Truesdell, Creed

Nays: None

Motion Summary: Motion passed.

Item X – Consider Future Agenda Items for Committee and Subcommittees (Action)

MCSD Parks and Recreation Coordinator Jens Andersen gave a summary of the item.

Committee discussion ensued.

Future agenda items identified were:

A presentation/demo of the interactive map of the Community Forest.

An information item regarding the MOUs with RCMB and MBTTA.

Agenda Item VIII - ADJOURNMENT
Meeting Adjourned at 7:02 p.m.



Joseph Blaine, Board Secretary