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MINUTES

Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Conducted at Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center
May 7, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

Commissioners Present: C Mathes (Chair), K Hansen, D Way, J McNett

Commissioners Absent: A Olson

Staff Present: R Peterson

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Lewis stated that she appreciated the Commissioners meeting to discuss the public's concerns and provide answers.

There were questions submitted to the commissioners before the meeting that were discussed. All related to the proposed Metropolitan Park District and were addressed during that planned business section of the meeting.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

- Metropolitan Park District.
 - Commissioners discussed what the intention was with the levy rate if the Metropolitan District was to pass. They all stated that while a final rate can only be given by the elected commissioners of the new district, if they are elected, their intention and expectation is that the rates would stay within the historical norms. The plan is not to try and raise the rates to pay for a new facility with this proposal. That would require a further vote of the public.
 - All Commissioners stated that they do not expect nor do they desire compensation under the new district if approved.
 - A question was asked about the district valuation change with the new district. Using the Skagit County Levy Rate Sheet for 2024, the valuation would go from a current \$9,013,512,732 to \$9,673,246,950.
 - There was a question posed on whether there were other comparable Metropolitan Park District established for maintaining a pool. The ED talked about Port Angeles' William Shore Memorial Pool Park District as an example. There is also Tukwila Pool Metropolitan Park District, Stevenson Community Pool District, and White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District. There are other districts that manage a pool and other park facilities.
 - The commissioners reviewed the press release and gave the ED input for incorporation.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.