

**GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT**  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
March 2, 2026

The MEETING took place at the Swim & Racquet Center and was live-streamed via Zoom for viewing & listening. Vice Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Craig F. Ehrnst  
Steven M. Engel  
Robert K. Rollins, Jr.-*Absent*  
Susan Vogelgesang  
Erin Wright

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** Item # 3, North Park Auxiliary Parking, was removed.

**PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

*Robert DuKate* expressed concern about the RFP process for North Park. He inquired if there would be gates at park entrances due to potential parking impacts from nearby development and questioned the need for a new skate park given the low usage of the existing facility.

*Michael Schneider* opposed the proposed skate park at North Park, stating it was not identified as a priority in the Miller Legg study. He said many nearby residents object and suggested alternative locations, including downtown or Spanish River Park, citing traffic concerns and community survey results.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 17, 2026, at 5:15 p.m.

**MOTION PASSED 4-0**

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

**1. Ranking of Multi-Use Rink Cover Bid Proposals**

Six compliant proposals from five firms were received in response to the Sugar Sand Park Multisport Rink Cover design-build RFP. At prior meetings, the Board discussed the proposals, heard presentations from each proposer, and requested additional standardized information before proceeding with final rankings. The ranking must be based on the evaluation criteria established in the RFP and consistent with Florida Statutes. The criteria include qualifications and experience, technical approach, schedule and capacity, materials and durability, and cost alignment with the District's \$4.5 million budget.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to proceed with the ranking.

**MOTION PASSED 4-0**

Executive Director Harms collected and tabulated the Commissioners' scoring sheets. The final ranking of the Multi-Use Rink Cover proposals was as follows:

1. MBR Construction – 54 points
2. Shiff Construction – 50 points

3. Butters Construction (Metal Option – Option A) – 46 points
4. RDC – 43 points
5. Butters Construction (Fabric Option – Option B) – 38 points
6. Vercetti Enterprises – 37 points

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to accept the ranking.

**MOTION PASSED 4-0**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to authorize the Executive Director to begin negotiations with the top-ranked bidder (MBR Construction) for the Multi-Use Rink Cover project.

Discussion ensued regarding negotiating best value and cost, and confirmation that any negotiated agreement would return to the Board for approval and that negotiations would proceed in rank order if necessary.

**MOTION PASSED 4-0**

**2. Patch Reef Park Pickleball Change Order**

Since the opening of the covered pickleball complex at Patch Reef Park, staff have received concerns regarding glare affecting visibility and playability during certain times of day. Glare is currently more pronounced on the south side due to seasonal solar positioning; however, as the sun's path shifts toward summer, glare conditions may increase on the north side.

CSR Construction provided proposals for glare mitigation on both the north and south sides, including permanent wind screens for \$61,909, motorized sunscreens for \$715,230 plus permitting, and motorized hurricane fabric screens for \$759,360 plus permitting

Staff recommended proceeding with the installation of permanent wind screens on both sides of the complex.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to authorize staff to obtain three bids for the windscreen on the south side of the covered Patch Reef Park Pickleball complex.

**MOTION PASSED 4-0**

**3. North Park Auxiliary Parking Change Order -Removed from agenda.**

**4. Status of North Park Procurement – Recommendation to Reject Bids**

On February 18, 2026, the District received four bids for the North Park project, which included the construction of a pedestrian tunnel along Jeffrey Street. Following bid opening, the City confirmed a revised framework under which the City will design and construct the pedestrian tunnel at its cost, and the District will design and construct the skate park at its cost, subject to City approvals.

Because removal of the pedestrian tunnel represents a material change to the original scope of work, staff, in consultation with legal counsel, recommended rejecting all bids and rebidding the project with a revised scope consistent with the City's framework to ensure compliance with Florida procurement statutes and preserve the integrity of the competitive process.

Staff requested Board action to: (1) confirm agreement with the City's proposed framework; (2) reject all bids received on February 18, 2026; and (3) authorize staff to rebid the project with the revised scope.

Board members discussed the potential financial implications of the revised framework, including uncertainty about the tunnel's final cost and the timeline for the Jeffrey Street extension. Concerns were raised about ensuring the District would not assume additional costs if the tunnel project did not proceed.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to confirm the Board's agreement with the framework presented by the City of Boca Raton, whereby the City will design and construct the pedestrian tunnel at its cost, and the District will design and construct the skate park at its cost, subject to required City approvals.

**MOTION PASSED 4-0**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to reject all bids received on February 18, 2026, for the North Park project.

**MOTION PASSED 4-0**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to authorize staff to rebid the North Park project with a revised scope consistent with the city's confirmed framework, and to require that all bidders include identified subcontractors for each construction category in their bid submissions.

**MOTION PASSED 4-0**

Mr. Horowitz, Legal Counsel, stated that by rejecting all bids and providing notice of the Board's intent to rebid the project, the proposals received will remain privileged and confidential under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, for up to 12 months or until a contract is awarded.

**APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND INVOICES:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the payroll and invoices as presented, totaling \$204,455.80.

**MOTION PASSED 4-0**

**REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Executive Director:**

*Patch Reef Park – Turf Nailer Board Project*

Bids for the Turf Nailer Board Project at Patch Reef Park are due this Friday. A public bid opening will be held following the submission deadline. Staff anticipates bringing a recommendation for an award to the Board at the next scheduled meeting.

*Upcoming Meeting Schedule Reminder*

As a reminder, the Regular Board Meeting will not be on the third Monday of this month. The meeting has been rescheduled for March 23. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

*Employee Appreciation Day*

Executive Director Harms noted that the first Friday of March is Employee Appreciation Day and recognized District staff for their professionalism, dedication, and work supporting the District’s operations and projects.

**District Counsel:**

Mr. Horowitz reported that the Senate has not yet approved the property tax reform legislation and that a related bill, less onerous than the House version, remains under discussion in Tallahassee.

**Commissioners:**

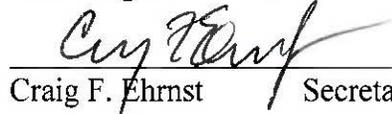
Commissioner Engel reiterated that the North Park property was originally purchased with the idea of developing a golf course, though plans have since evolved. He noted that the City’s future plans for the Boca Country Club property remain unclear. He emphasized that the North Park property belongs to all residents of the Beach and Park District, not only those in the surrounding neighborhood. While community input is important and appreciated, decisions must ultimately reflect what best serves the entire District.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

**MOTION PASSED 4-0**

  
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Erin Wright Vice-Chair

  
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Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer