



Board Meeting Summary

June 2, 2026

District Office Building | 799 SW Columbia | Bend, Oregon



BOARD PRESENT

Cary Schneider Nathan Hovekamp
Donna Owens Deb Schoen (absent)
Jodie Schiffman

Summary of June 2 board meeting

The June 2 meeting of the Bend Park & Recreation District Board of Directors was a full business session, including budget approval, naming a new facility, and the executive director’s evaluation among other topics. A [video recording](#) is available.

Name selected for new facility

The board of directors reviewed a proposal to name a new operations and office facility currently under development that was purchased from the City of Bend. The Naming Committee recommended the name “Park Operations and Development” following public and staff input efforts. BPRD staff including park stewards, park services and planning and development will move into the facility this summer and fall.

Director Schiffman made a motion to approve Park Operations and Development as the name of Boyd Property. Director Hovekamp seconded. *The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. (Owens, Schneider, Hovekamp, Schiffman)*

Sawyer Park project

Next, the board reviewed the [Sawyer Park Asset Replacement Project](#), which includes adding a new restroom, shelter, pathways and parking improvements. Staff recommended and the board approved awarding the construction contract to the lowest bidder, 2KG Contractors, Inc., to move the project forward and within budget. Work should be completed next spring.

Director Hovekamp moved to authorize the executive director to award a construction contract to 2KG Contractors for the Sawyer Park Asset Replacement Project, in the amount of \$2,124,200, and to approve a construction contingency of \$212,420, for a total construction budget not to exceed \$2,336,620. Director Schneider seconded. *The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. (Owens, Schneider, Hovekamp, Schiffman)*

Future neighborhood park

The board also approved Resolution No. 2026-06, authorizing an amendment to purchase approximately three acres of Pinebrook common area for a future neighborhood park in SW Bend. The agreement includes additional land needed for a future roadway while maintaining the approved purchase price parameters.

Director Schneider moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-06 authorizing the purchase of Pinebrook Common Area and designating authorized signatories. Director Schiffman seconded. *The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. (Owens, Schneider, Hovekamp, Schiffman).*

Vehicle leasing consideration

An operational topic was a proposed vehicle leasing agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management. Staff recommended transitioning from owning vehicles to a leasing model to reduce long-term costs, improve fleet reliability, and create more predictable budgeting. Chair Owens expressed concerns about changing from ownership to leasing and stressed the importance of approaching it cautiously.

Director Schiffman moved to authorize the executive director to execute a vehicle leasing and fleet management agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management using the Sourcewell cooperative purchasing contract. Director Schneider seconded. The motion passed 3-1 (Owens opposed; Schneider, Hovekamp, Schiffman approved; Schoen absent).

Capital Improvement Plan

The board reviewed long-range financial planning through Resolution No. 2026-07, adopting the district's Five-Year [Capital Improvement Plan](#) (2027–2031), which outlines planned investments in parks, trails and facilities. The first year of the CIP is included in the fiscal budget for 2026-27.

The board pointed out an administrative error in the table column regarding sources of funding for the Juniper pool cover project. As such, the resolution was amended.

Director Hovekamp made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-07, as amended, adopting the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal years ending 2027-2031. Director Schiffman seconded. *The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. (Owens, Schneider, Hovekamp, Schiffman)*

Budget public hearing and approval

The meeting also included a public hearing on the proposed 2026–27 budget, followed by adoption of the budget and imposing tax rates through Resolutions No. 2026-08 and 2026-09. **The [budget details](#) are available.**

Director Schneider made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-08 Adopting the Budget and Making Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2026-27. Director Hovekamp seconded. *The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. (Owens, Schneider, Hovekamp, Schiffman)*

Director Schiffman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-09 Imposing and Categorizing Taxes for Fiscal Year 2026-27. Director Hovekamp seconded. *The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. (Owens, Schneider, Hovekamp, Schiffman)*

Executive director's evaluation

Finally, the board reviewed and approved the executive director's annual performance evaluation, recognizing strong leadership and progress toward district goals. The executive director's compensation will include a cost-of-living adjustment and merit increase aligned with compensation adjustments approved in the budget for other BPRD staff members.

The board members appreciated the effort and leadership by Michelle Healy over the past year. They also expressed interest in reviewing the evaluation process in future discussions.

Director Owens made a motion to approve the executive director's evaluation for 2025-26, approve the goals for next fiscal year and the associated merit and compensation increase in accordance with the Executive Director's employment contract. Director Schiffman seconded. *The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. (Owens, Schneider, Hovekamp, Schiffman)*

The next board meeting is June 16.

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