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Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2026
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Concord Community Center (3811 SE Concord Road Milwaukie, OR 97267) or virtually (via Zoom)

This meeting was recorded, and the video is available on the NCPRD website at <https://ncprd.org/public-meetings>
These minutes document action items approved at the meeting

PRESENT:

NCPRD Board Chair Craig Roberts
NCPRD Board Director Paul Savas
NCPRD Board Director Martha Schrader
NCPRD Board Director Ben West
District Administrator Gary Schmidt
District Counsel Jeff Munns
NCPRD Director Kia Selley
Clerk to the Board Andrew Jarocki

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Roll Call
- b. Pledge of Allegiance

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Deferred until after the Consent Agenda.

3. PRESENTATION

- a. Report from the Chair of the District Advisory Committee (Sheila Shaw)
DAC Chair Shaw acknowledged the success of recent fundraising efforts, grants, and community support, while emphasizing the continued urgent need for stable, increased funding to prevent ongoing annual budget cuts and to sustain the district's vital role in strengthening the community.

4. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Briefing: Status of District Finances

NCPRD Director Selley presented an overview of the implemented cost-saving measures and service reductions, with some services restored through partnerships with the Milwaukie Community Center Foundation and Impact Northwest. The forecasted \$622,000 funding gap has been reduced by nearly \$200,000 due to ongoing cost cutting measures, though a

structural revenue shortfall driven by inflation remains. To close the funding gap for next fiscal year, staff are evaluating additional revenue and additional budget cuts. NCPRD staff are committed to delivering as much service to the community as possible with the available funds, but a long-term solution is needed that provides financial stability to better serve the community and to implement the 2025 adopted system plan.

- b. Review a Technical Assistance Request to the Trust for Public Land to Research District Funding Options

NCPRD Director Selley outlined a proposal from the Trust for Public Land (TPL) to conduct a phased funding feasibility analysis, including financial review, public opinion polling, and potential ballot measure development. The proposed work, largely funded by the TPL Foundation, would provide data to inform Board decision-making at each stage without obligating the district to pursue a ballot measure.

Director Schrader moved to approve the Technical Assistance Request to the Trust for Public Land as presented. Director Savas seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 29, 2025, NCPRD Board Meetings.

Director West moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Director Schrader seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Thelma Haggemiller – Public comment timing and expanded community volunteer programming at the Concord Community Center.
- Anatta Blackmarr – Support partnership with the Trust of Public Land.
- Grover Bornefeld - Encouragement to build on positive momentum by inspiring community support for parks and libraries, expanding partnerships and shared facility use, and increasing community engagement and access to services.

7. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR & DISTRICT DIRECTOR UPDATE

- a. District Director Selley announced that NCPRD has been awarded a \$140,000 grant from the Department of Land Conservation and Development to support park improvements at the park at the Oregon City School District Jennings Lodge campus. Combined with other funding sources, the district now has \$1.95 million in grants, covering over 75% of construction costs. The award reflects persistent staff effort and strategic application revisions to secure competitive funding.

8. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

- a. **Director Schrader** had no additional comments.

- b. **Director Savas** expressed appreciation for now having a home at Concord Community Center.
- c. **Director West** emphasized strong community engagement and optimism for future funding and project success.
- d. **Chair Roberts** highlighted the importance of strategic planning, diligent effort, and data-informed ballot measure development to support successful funding outcomes.

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