

Minutes
Indian Hills General Improvement District
Board of Trustees Meeting
District Office
3394 James Lee Park Rd. A
Carson City, NV 89705
April 8, 2026
Regular Board Meeting
6:00 P.M.

Trustees Present: Chairman Clark-Ross, Vice Chairman Jones, Secretary/Treasurer Siegman, Trustee Garcia, and Trustee Stulac.

Trustees Absent: none.

Staff Present: General Manager Chris Johnson and Administrative Services Supervisor/Human Resources Brooke Thompson.

Others Present: District Engineer Collin Surge, District Counsel Chuck Zumpft, Douglas County Commissioner Nathan Tolbert, Residents Lynn Dement and Dallas Debatin.

6:00P.M. - Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order

Request that Cell Phones and Pagers be turned off for recording purposes.
Chairman Clark-Ross called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Vice Chairman Jones.

3. Public Interest Comment: Resident Lynn Dement 1020 Mica Drive. We're coming up on our third year of yard of the month. And this is a GID sponsored event. And the district has been very generous in providing \$510 gift cards to the people we recognize as beautifying the community. And in this day and age, to be honest, \$10 isn't. It's the thought that counts. But I'd like to ask for maybe a little assistance if anyone would like to up that amount, maybe to a \$15 award just because. Thank you. Thank you all for being so generous for the Halloween and Christmas Lights contest too, because the board has traditionally chipped in for those. So, thank you.

4. Approval of Agenda

Trustee Garcia motioned to approve the agenda. Secretary/Treasurer Siegman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Introduction and County updates from Nathan Tolbert, Douglas County Commissioner.

Douglas County Commissioner Nathan Tolbert attended the meeting to introduce himself, apologize for not attending sooner due to scheduling conflicts, and provide updates on several county matters affecting the district.

Playground Project

Commissioner Tolbert reported that the collaborative playground project is expected to be completed within two to three weeks. He stated he has encouraged the process to stay on schedule.

Vista Grande / Valley Vista Road Extension

Tolbert provided an update on the long-discussed road extension connecting the area near Topsy Lane to Jacks Valley Road and the back side of Walmart. He explained that county funds alone are not enough to complete the project, so three private property owners are working together to contribute the remaining money needed. A traffic study is underway to determine whether the connection should use a roundabout or signalized intersection. If completed, the owners may build portions of the road and transfer it to the county.

Board members noted the road has been promised for many years and expressed cautious optimism that progress is finally being made.

Douglas County Lands Bill

Tolbert reported that the Douglas County federal lands bill has been introduced in both the House and Senate and has already advanced through a House committee. He explained the bill includes several parcels for conservation and a few for public sale/distribution.

One parcel of particular interest is approximately twenty-four acres near the Forest Service property at the bottom of Plymouth Drive, which may eventually be sold at auction. Board members were advised to monitor that parcel because it is surrounded by residential areas and future zoning decisions could affect the district.

WinCo Development

Tolbert confirmed that WinCo has purchased property across from Walmart near the county line. Plans have been submitted to the county, reviewed, and returned with comments, but no revised plans have yet been resubmitted.

County Office Access / Public Service

A trustee asked about complaints regarding county offices requiring appointments before entering certain departments. Tolbert said he had not heard specific complaints but acknowledged general concerns about delays and customer service. He noted many services are now handled online.

Splash Pad Clarification

Tolbert clarified that a recently approved splash pad project is for TRE, not Indian Hills.

Community Arts / Theater Project

Tolbert also shared an update on the former movie theater redevelopment concept. Community feedback supported making the facility welcoming, affordable, flexible, and available for broad community use rather than leased to one operator.

Key ideas included:

- A main theater of approximately four hundred seats
- One or more black box theaters for smaller performances, weddings, concerts, and events
- Revenue opportunities such as concessions, sponsorships, and bar service for events
- Maintaining some movie screens while repurposing others

He added the building is structurally sound but will need roof repairs, HVAC upgrades, plumbing improvements, and updated technology wiring.

Tourism and Economic Growth Discussion

Tolbert commented that Douglas County may soon need to decide whether to attract more visitors and tourism revenue or continue relying mainly on residents to fund services, as county budgets have remained relatively flat.

Board Appreciation

Board members thanked Commissioner Tolbert for attending and noted it had been many years since a county commissioner had directly addressed the board. Tolbert said he hopes to attend more regularly when schedules allow.

6. Reports to the Board:

a. General Manager Report

General Manager Chris Johnson reviewed his report with the board. General Manager Chris Johnson provided updates on district finances, public works projects, parks improvements, equipment upgrades, and upcoming community events.

Budget and Financial Update

Johnson explained that the Parks Department appears to be at 170% of budget, but this is due to the new playground project being funded by a grant that was not included in last year's budget. He clarified that the grant fully covers the expense, so the department is not over budget financially.

He also praised Administrative Services Supervisor Brooke Thompson for successfully obtaining Pool Pact grant funding, which has been used for employee training and district improvements.

Employee Training

One recent grant-funded training opportunity includes sending staff member Steve to a playground inspection certification course, which is only offered in limited locations nationwide.

Amador Project

Johnson reported that the Amador infrastructure project is progressing well. Construction includes significant excavation, manhole work, and fire hydrant replacements. The project is slightly behind schedule due to weather delays but remains largely on track.

New Playground Installation

Board members were encouraged to visit the new playground, which Johnson described as one of the largest structures in Indian Hills. Additional sections have recently been installed, and the project received positive feedback.

Sewer Camera Upgrades

Johnson discussed improvements to the district's sewer camera equipment:

- A smaller camera for inspecting residential sewer laterals was repaired and is now operational.
- The main sewer camera system was modernized by replacing an outdated DVD recording process with a direct-to-laptop digital recording system using an inexpensive USB converter.
- The upgraded system successfully inspected a 248-foot sewer line and is expected to improve efficiency and recordkeeping.

Street Sign Replacement Program

Johnson showcased the district's new street signs featuring the district logo. He noted they look excellent once installed and are being replaced gradually based on condition and available funding.

If budget funds remain available near the end of the fiscal year, another round of replacements is planned, including signs in the Sunridge area.

Recognition of Community Volunteer

Johnson publicly thanked Lynn Dement for her extensive volunteer efforts in helping organize district community programs and events. He noted she has spent many hours working with staff to develop successful activities.

Community Events Update

Administrative Services Supervisor Brooke Thompson and resident Lynn Dement presented updates on several community programs.

Easter Egg Hunt

They reported that the recent Easter Egg Hunt was very successful and thanked board members and volunteers who helped.

Knick Knacks and Crafts Event

A new neighborhood-wide event is being planned that combines:

- Craft sales
- Yard sales
- Community participation is similar to the Johnson Lane craft show model.

Residents would sign up to host from their homes, and organizers expect strong interest.

Fall Festival (Replacing Trunk or Treat)

A new Fall Festival is being planned for late September to avoid competing with October Halloween events.

Planned activities may include:

- Pie eating contest.
- Scarecrow making station.
- Pumpkin carving/decorating contest
- Food trucks
- Sidewalk chalk contest
- Scavenger hunt

- Community softball or kickball game

Community Softball Challenge

One featured idea is a fun game between:

Board member and staff vs. community members/residents.

Organizers emphasized it would be lighthearted, inclusive, and focused on bringing residents and the board together.

Entertainment and Demonstrations

Additional ideas include invitation:

- Square dancing groups
- Youth dance schools
- Martial arts demonstrations

Cost-Conscious Planning

Organizers said the Fall Festival should cost no more than the former Trunk or Treat event and possibly less, as many materials will be donated or reused.

Astronomy Event Idea

Resident Lynn Dement also mentioned a possible future evening community event featuring General Manager Johnson's telescope and astronomy knowledge.

Community Star Party Event

General Manager Chris Johnson expanded on the idea of hosting a Star Party, where telescopes would be set up for residents to observe the night sky. He said the event would be best scheduled in the fall or winter months when darkness arrives earlier. Johnson noted that viewing objects such as the rings of Saturn through a telescope would be a highlight. Board members and residents responded positively to the idea.

Summer Kickoff Event

Trustee Stulac asked for clarification on the date of the district's Summer Kickoff Event. Staff confirmed it is scheduled for June 20, likely to run from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Ball Field Maintenance and Sierra Lutheran Partnership

Trustee Stulac asked whether the district receives any financial help or support for maintaining the baseball and softball fields.

Johnson and staff explained that while Sierra Lutheran does not directly pay rental fees, they provide significant in-kind support and maintenance, including:

- Repairing and rebuilding the pitcher's mound
- Assisting with field upkeep
- Volunteering through required student community service hours
- Helping with future dugout painting and improvements

Staff described Sierra Lutheran as effectively the district's home team.

Baseball Field Improvements

Johnson reported that the baseball infield currently uses decomposed granite (DG), which is not ideal for players. Full replacement with proper clay material is planned for the next budget year.

As a temporary improvement, district staff and Sierra Lutheran worked together to upgrade the running paths between the bases using clay, improving player safety and field quality.

Dugout Improvements

Sierra Lutheran plans to paint the dugouts in school colors, further enhancing the field and reinforcing their connection to the facility.

Softball Field Reuse

Administrative staff noted that Sierra Lutheran has started a girls softball team for the first time and is now using the district's softball field for practice.

The softball field had been mostly unused for many years, so its renewed use was seen as a positive development. The long-term goal is to eventually host games there as the program grows.

Positive Community Feedback

Trustee Garcia shared that a coach reported the girls softball team has been highly successful this season, and he also complimented the condition of the field after visiting it personally.

1. Administrative
2. Water
3. Wastewater
4. Parks & Streets

b. District Accountant Report

General Manager Chris Johnson reviewed the accountant report with the board.

c. Engineer Report

District Engineer Collin Sturge presented engineering updates covering the Amador project, wastewater compliance work, potential Sunridge Golf Course development, and district water system planning.

Amador Project Update

Sturge noted that engineering reports for both March and April were included in the board packet because the prior meeting had been canceled.

Regarding the Amador infrastructure project:

- The contractor received a 12-day extension due to February snowstorms.
- Despite the delay, the project remains on budget.
- Sewer and water line installation are currently underway.
- Work is expected to be completed in June.

Wastewater Pond Emergency Action Plans

Collin reported that he has been coordinating with the NDEP regarding emergency action plans for Wastewater Ponds 5 and 6.

- Plans were formally submitted recently.
- The state has already returned comments and additional requests.
- Staff are now working on revisions and responses.

Sunridge Golf Course Development Proposal

Sturge discussed early-stage planning activity involving the Sunridge Golf Course property.

The developers first requested public records, which the district provided. They have now submitted preliminary planning documents.

Current Preliminary Proposal Includes:

- Approximately seventy-eight single-family homes
- Fourplex residential units
- Significant clubhouse improvements
- RV spaces / RV park area

Sturge emphasized that the proposal is still very preliminary and the developer is conducting due diligence before deciding whether to proceed.

Possible Location

The proposed residential area appears to be on the south side of the golf course near South Sunridge Drive.

Infrastructure Impact of New Development

General Manager Chris Johnson added that a development of this size would likely require major upgrades to district water and sewer infrastructure. He explained the district's current systems may not be able to accommodate the additional demand without developer-funded improvements.

Sturge confirmed that part of his upcoming engineering proposal to the developer includes:

- Water system modeling
- Sewer capacity analysis
- Determining what district improvements would be required to support the project.

Golf Course Water Quality / Fishing Pond Discussion

Johnson and trustees also discussed the golf course owner's interest in creating fishing ponds on the property. This would require higher quality reclaimed water standards than the district currently operates under.

Johnson explained:

- The district may already be producing better water quality than current permit requirements.
- Testing will occur throughout the year.
- The district wants to avoid triggering expensive regulatory requirements that would force upgrades to a higher treatment classification.

Fence Repairs at Golf Course

Johnson reported that the golf course owner has purchased metal materials and hired a welder to repair the property fence. Work is expected soon.

Water Rights Optimization

Sturge also reported he has been working with district staff on potentially shifting existing water rights allocations to improve system efficiency.

He clarified:

- No new water rights are being added.
- Existing rights would simply be reallocated to better support certain wells and pressure zones.

Johnson explained the goal is to improve water availability in the upper service zone, including areas near Target/Home Depot and future growth corridors.

Well Water Quality Clarification

Trustee Stulac asked about past concerns regarding school wells and nitrates. Johnson clarified:

- The district's school wells are functioning properly.
- Nitrate concerns were associated with nearby residential private wells north of Jacks Valley Road, not district wells.

Future Development Capacity

Secretary/Treasurer Siegman asked whether shifting water rights could improve the district's ability to serve future development near Vista Grande. Johnson confirmed that it would help improve service potential in that area.

d. Attorney Report

District Counsel Chuck Zumpft: No ma'am questions only, nothing to report.

Public comment: Resident Lynn Dement stated in the grand scheme of things, this isn't really a big issue. But I had the pleasure of watching a Sierra Lutheran baseball game. And there appears to be some sort of little snack bar there, which I was not aware that we had. And I don't know if it's run privately, if it's run by the GID if it's run by Sierra Lutheran.

Administrative Services Supervisor/Human Resources: It's run privately. If they want to,

Resident Lynn Dement: Okay. Because I think we're missing an opportunity there, especially if there's now a softball team because traditionally the teams travel and play on the same field. So, there'd be a softball game at the same time as a baseball game because they travel from way far away.

Administrative Services Supervisor/Human Resources: Softball is only practice than they're not playing.

Resident Lynn Dement: I mean, in the future but I think it's an opportunity that we could expand on. Because that little snack bar thing over there, they didn't even have Diet Coke. So, it wasn't much. And I think we could expand and do something more to bring in some revenue for the district, maybe.

Chairman Clark-Ross: Go ahead. Dallas.

Resident Dallas Debatine: Dallas and I live on Amador Circle and there's a little activity going on over there, and it's really impressed. The construction process has been really clean every night. It's The whole. The streets open from both directions. The workers have been more have been really cooperative. And people have had questions. I don't, I don't know that a lot of people really understand what a big deal this is for the neighborhood. And I want to thank you all for getting that job done there.

Recess 7:06

Reconvene 7:16

7. **Discussion and possible action to adopt the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.**

General Manager Chris Johnson presented an overview of the district’s upcoming budget and capital improvement plan, explaining funding sources, planned projects, and long-term infrastructure investments.

Budget Structure Overview

Johnson walked through the budget pages:

- Page 34–36: Administration budget
- Page 37–38: Parks & Recreation budget
- Page 39–40: Streets budget
- Pages 41–43+: Water and Sewer budgets

He explained the key distinction:

- General Fund: Administration, Parks, and Streets
- Enterprise Funds: Water and Sewer (self-funded through user revenues)

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Johnson emphasized that nearly all major expenses are tied to the district’s long-term

Capital Improvement Plan (through 2035).

Key planned projects include:

Facilities & Equipment

- Kitchen/workroom flooring replacement
- Fireproof file cabinet
- Replacement of a UTV (side-by-side vehicle)
- Replacement of a parks truck
- Replacement of a parks/streets buggy

Parks & Recreation

- Tennis court resurfacing
- Basketball court resurfacing and conversion to include basketball and pickleball striping.
- Ball field infield reconstruction
- Additional playground-related upgrades

Streets & Maintenance

- Major road maintenance project
- Maintenance shop roof replacement

Basketball & Pickleball Courts

Johnson clarified:

- Basketball courts will be resurfaced due to poor conditions.
- The surface will also include temporary pickleball markings and portable nets.
- A full pickleball complex is not currently funded (estimated at ~\$600,000 for full buildout)

He noted:

- Many regional pickleball courts already exist, making grants harder to obtain.
- The district is focusing on a cost-effective hybrid solution.

Fleet Replacement

- One district truck replacement was moved forward one year due to age (18–19 years old)
- Government pricing allows purchase of work trucks at reduced cost.

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- Vehicles are utility-focused (basic work configuration, not consumer features).

Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) & Utility Location

Johnson proposed purchasing ground penetrating radar equipment to locate underground utilities.

Purpose:

- Reduce costly and time-consuming potholing during construction.
- Identify underground water/sewer lines more efficiently.
- Support federal/state lead and copper pipe identification requirements.

Regulatory Requirement:

- NDEP requires identification of potential lead/copper service lines (homes built before 1989)
- Roughly 500+ older homes may require investigation.
- Current rules may require multiple potholes per home (up to four per property), which would be extremely costly and disruptive.

Proposed Solution:

- Use GPR to distinguish metal vs. plastic pipe signatures.
- Combine with record drawings and sampling to reduce excavation work.

Discussion:

- Staff and engineering caution that GPR has limitations (soil type, interpretation, accuracy)
- Engineers will attempt to minimize potholing through multiple methods.
- District will only proceed with purchase if regulators accept the method as valid evidence.

Water System Planning

Johnson explained:

- Water rights are not increasing but may be reallocated internally.
- Goal is to improve system efficiency and pressure in higher elevation zones.
- Could improve service reliability for future development areas (including Vista Grande)

Infrastructure Capacity & Future Growth

- Large developments (like Sunridge proposal) would require developer-funded upgrades to water and sewer systems.
- District would not absorb those costs without mitigation agreements.

Splash Pad Update

Splash pad concept is reconsidered due to:

- High construction cost (~\$400K–\$500K total)
- Ongoing maintenance and staffing needs
- Water usage concerns

Staff are leaning toward other park improvements instead.

Fleet Leasing Discussion

- District is exploring **vehicle leasing options** for heavy-use fleet equipment.
- Could help reduce long-term replacement costs.
- Trucks are used heavily within the district despite short travel distances \

Overall Budget Position

Budget is described as **stable with minor adjustments.**

- No major unexpected increases
- Focus remains on:

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- Infrastructure replacement
- Efficiency improvements
- Long-term capital planning through 2035

Public comment: Resident Dallas Debatin: I just made one comment about the lead issue. I own a couple of three houses in Toledo, Ohio, and those houses back there are 150 years old. So, it is a lot older than houses here. But they're going through an examination of the lead that's in the house and individual houses, and they're taking just a part of Toledo at a time because it's such a huge issue. And the cost of getting each one was done, they're charging it to the owner for \$250. If nothing, if no lead is found and they don't have to retest it can be \$500 can be, you know who knows? So, so I don't know, maybe saving the, the information that you have on the pipes might be helpful to eliminating some costs for owners at some point down the road when we have, if we have to start testing individual houses, lay it on window sills and you know, the kind of thing. So, it's okay.

Trustee Garcia motioned to adopt the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Vice Chairman Jones seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Stulac raised a question regarding an apparent discrepancy in the district expense report, specifically on the Street Rehab (Amador project) line item.

Issue Identified

Stulac noted that:

- The budgeted amount for Street Rehab (Amador) was approximately \$249,000.
- The reported billed amount appeared higher than expected.
- This created confusion because he believed the project was actually under budget overall.

Engineering Clarification

District Engineer Collin Sturge explained:

- The issue is likely a reporting or categorization error (typo or misallocation)
- The Street Rehab (Amador) project includes both:
 - Design work
 - Construction work
- Some costs may have been incorrectly assigned between those categories.

He confirmed:

- The design portion was completed under budget by about \$12,000.
- The project overall remains financially sound.
- There is still approximately \$12,000 remaining in contingency funds.

Financial Confirmation

General Manager Chris Johnson added:

- The total amount paid (~\$237,000) reflects the actual spending.
- The discrepancy is likely due to a report formatting or coding issue, not overspending.

Resolution

Vice Chair Jones and staff agreed:

- The numbers likely reflect a line-item misplacement rather than an actual overage.
- The correct totals should align with the reported paid amount (~\$237K)

Outcome

- No budget overrun occurred.

- The Amador Street Rehab project remains within budget and on track.
- Staff will ensure future reporting correctly separates design and construction costs.

8. Discussion and possible action to purchase a gear reduction screw drive for the South Basin at the Sewer plant from CH Bull Company in the amount of \$8,605.00.

General Manager Chris Johnson presented a request regarding replacement of critical wastewater equipment, specifically **Lift Station 2, Pump 2 components**, and related mechanical parts.

Budget Context and Funding Source

Johnson explained that:

- A related pump rebuild project came in significantly under budget (approximately \$14,000–\$16,000 saved)
- Those savings are being redirected to fund this replacement.
- The district is therefore able to address the issue without impacting overall budget levels.

Equipment Description

The item being replaced is part of the **wastewater basin decanter system**, described informally as a “screwdriver” mechanism.

- The system raises and lowers components that control wastewater processing levels in two basins.
- There are two basins total (north and south)
- The north unit has already been replaced.
- The south unit is now showing wear and minor leakage.

Need for Replacement

- The equipment is approximately 18–20 years old.
- It is not currently in failure mode but is showing early signs of deterioration.
- Replacement is recommended proactively to avoid emergency failure.

Lead Time Concern

- The replacement part has a long lead time (~22 weeks)
- Staff emphasized ordering now is necessary to avoid future service disruption.

Staff and Board Discussion

- Engineers confirmed this is standard specialized wastewater equipment with long procurement timelines.
- Board members agreed the replacement is appropriate given available savings and preventive maintenance needs.
- It was confirmed that district staff (Dave and operations team) will perform the installation once parts are received.

Outcome

- Board consensus supported proceeding with the purchase.
- Funding will come from savings within the existing wastewater equipment budget line.
- Action is intended as preventative maintenance rather than emergency repair.

Key Takeaway

The district is using cost savings from other maintenance work to proactively replace aging wastewater infrastructure, avoiding future system failure and long downtime risk.

Public comment: none

Trustee Stulac motion to purchase a gear reduction screw drive for the South Basin at the Sewer plant from CH Bull Company in the amount of \$8,605.00. Chairman Clark-Ross seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Discussion and possible action to approve changes to the Meeting Room Rental Agreement including the meeting room charges.

Trustee Garcia explained that the policy update mainly:

- Aligns rental rules with prior changes that give residents some preference.
- Clarifies cancellation fee language so users understand when fees apply, especially in extenuating circumstances.
- Improves overall clarity and fairness for anyone reserving district facilities.

Vice Chairman Jones raised a concern about how the hourly rate structure is written, specifically whether the policy clearly explains pricing beyond four hours of use.

Administration confirmed:

- Standard use is typically 2 hours or less.
- The rate structure allows for longer bookings, but the language needs to clearly state how charges apply after four hours.

To resolve confusion, General Manager Chris Johnson suggested adding explicit wording:

- After four hours of use, the rate is \$25 per additional hour.

The board discussed whether to delay approval again, but Trustee Garcia proposed approving the policy with the added clarification language instead of tabling it. The group generally agreed that the revision should be included so the policy is easier to understand and doesn't require repeated verbal explanations.

Public comment: Resident Dallas Debatin One of the things that's not on here is, well, that you brought up is concerning pricing for residents here and Gardnerville to use part of the senior center there has a gratis for nonprofits, not every nonprofit, but some nonprofits. And I think there's, well, for example, square dancing, we don't have any square dancing here. Square dancing in Carson City. I go to Genoa out of town. And so. And those charges are it's weekly and it's anywhere from \$5 to \$10 if you're not a member of the club. So, there were two squares in Carson City last week and also two squares in Genoa and in Dayton, they'll probably have 4 or 5 squares. So that generates a lot more money. So, but there's other non-profits that might use it. I belong to a club called Tops take off pounds sensibly, sensibly. I used to weigh 180, 285 pounds and they meet, it's a 75-year organization. The dues are the membership dues are like \$40 a year. And you know, \$0.50 a week. So, there's just no money available. And we don't get charged. Well, there's no organization here in Carson City. So, I'm driving to Gardnerville to go to that once a week. And it's, it's just a lot more reasonable than it's a one hour, one hour use. And there's different, different setups each time. Sometimes the group is required to put up chairs or put away tables or, or, or do whatever. So, I don't know how to set that up because each group that I go to is some of them. I don't know what they're doing. Some of them I do know what they're doing. So, it's. I don't know, this one page is pretty short to include these nonprofits are really short profit groups, especially if there's members in the neighborhood here. And with 1500 houses, there might be a lot.

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The senior center today was completely full here. There were only 3 or 4 empty seats for lunch. So twice a week. Good deal. It's getting really well attended.

The board focused on clarifying the wording for the rental fee structure to make it easier for the public to understand.

Vice Chairman Jones initially suggested language stating that:

- Indian Hills residents or businesses would have a capped rate (up to \$50) for 2–4-hour rentals.
- Additional hours would be charged at the regular rate.

General Manager Chris Johnson refined this idea, proposing a clearer structure:

- \$25 per hour after four hours
- Total charges not to exceed \$175.

After discussion, the group worked through wording adjustments for clarity and consistency.

Trustee Garcia confirmed the intent was to ensure the policy is straightforward and not confusing for users.

However, instead of finalizing the revised language immediately, Trustee Garcia proposed tabling the item so the wording can be cleaned up and brought back in a clearer final form at the next meeting. The board agreed to table it for further revision rather than approve it with ongoing edits during the meeting.

This item was tabled, the Board gave staff direction, and this item will be brought back to the board at the May meeting.

10. Presentation only proclaiming May 3rd - 9th, 2026 as Children’s Mental Health Action Week.

The item presented was a proclamation requested by Nevada PEP (a mental health advocacy organization) recognizing Children’s Mental Health Action Week (May 3–May 9, 2026).

General Manager Chris Johnson read the proclamation, which emphasized:

- The importance of children’s mental health to healthy development
- The need to move beyond awareness into action and support.
- Early identification of behavioral health challenges through family, school, and community involvement
- The importance of family participation in treatment for better outcomes
- Concerns about inequities in access to mental health care for youth
- The broader social impact of untreated mental health needs in children

The proclamation declares the district’s support for Children’s Mental Health Week and encourages community awareness and acceptance of children and families dealing with mental health challenges.

Board discussion:

- The Chair clarified that no formal vote is required; it is a proclamation/presentation item.

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- Members agreed it is a positive and appropriate recognition.
- Trustee Stulac and others noted the increasing importance of youth mental health issues in the broader community.
- Vice Chair Jones expressed interest in understanding more about the requesting organization.
- Chris Johnson identified the organization as Nevada PEP.

The board generally supported the proclamation and intended to post or share it publicly, without taking formal action.

Public comment: Lynn Dement: I think it calls attention to much needed attention to this issue. And I'm wondering if we couldn't go a step further and provide maybe under frequently asked questions on the website, some resources, a couple of phone numbers for people to call that may have children in difficulty and need some help. I think that would be really a good thing to do.

11. Discussion and possible action to approve Draft Minutes from the February 18, 2026, Board Meeting.

Vice Chairman Jones initially moved to approve the minutes, with Chairman Clark-Ross seconding. During discussion, Trustee Garcia stated he would abstain because he had not attended that February meeting.

It was then noticed that the draft minutes incorrectly listed Trustee Garcia as present.

Vice Chairman Jones withdrew and amended her original motion to:

- Correct the minutes to show Trustee Garcia was absent.
- Approve the amended February 18, 2026, draft meeting minutes.

Chairman Clark-Ross seconded the revised motion.

The board then proceeded to vote again on the corrected motion, with staff reminding Trustee Garcia that once the minutes accurately reflected his absence, he could vote yes on approving the corrected record.

Vice Chairman Jones motioned to approve Draft Minutes from the February 18, 2026, Board meeting with the amendment reflecting Trustee Garcia's absence. Chairman Clark-Ross seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

After reviewing the February meeting minutes and the recording, I have confirmed that Trustee Garcia was in fact present at the February meeting. He was actually absent from the January meeting.

As a result, the February minutes will be brought back to the Board for approval at the May meeting.

12. **Chairman and Trustees Reports, Correspondence**

Under this item the Board Members will briefly identify relevant communications received by them before the meeting, or meetings attended, or potential business of the district. No action will be taken on any of these items, but a member may request such item or topic be placed on a future agenda.

During trustee reports and closing comments, several updates and community ideas were discussed.

Remote Attendance / Meeting Technology

General Manager Chris Johnson announced the district has purchased and tested new camera equipment that will allow trustees who are absent to participate remotely through a Zoom-style setup. Features include:

- Camera view of the full board room
- Automatic focus on whoever is speaking.
- Laptop connection for remote trustee participation
- Potential future use for recording meetings and remote presentations

The Chair expressed concern based on older COVID-era Zoom experiences, but Chris said the technology has improved significantly.

Easter Egg Hunt Feedback

Vice Chairman Jones suggested improvements for future Easter egg hunts:

- Reuse donated plastic eggs instead of buying pre-filled eggs.
- Use volunteers to stuff eggs.
- Stagger age group start times by a few minutes so families with multiple children can participate more easily.
- Extend the event slightly rather than having it end so quickly.

The board responded positively to these ideas.

Yard of the Month Support

Trustee Garcia praised the continued success of the Yard of the Month program, noting it had reached three years. He offered to double his financial contribution for the program this year.

Splash Pad Clarification

Trustee Garcia clarified that a resident had told him a splash pad had already been approved. He wanted the record to show:

- He was only asking for clarification.
- He is not advocating for the splash pad.
- He understands the costs and maintenance concerns previously discussed.

Chairman Clark-Ross added that she had originally supported the idea but changed her mind after learning the high installation and staffing costs.

Tennis Court / Pickleball Concern

Trustee Garcia said a resident asked whether tennis courts would be repainted with pickleball lines. He told them, to the best of his knowledge:

- No immediate plan exists to convert the tennis courts.
- The tennis community actively uses and helps maintain the courts.

He clarified he was not speaking officially for the board.

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Playground Praise

Chairman Clark-Ross praised the new playground, saying it was one of the biggest she had seen. Chris added it is now the tallest playground in Douglas County.

13. Adjournment

Chairman Clark-Ross motioned to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Jones seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17P.M.

FINAL APPROVED MINUTES AS PRESENTED

**Secretary/Treasurer
Russ Siegman**