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GENERAL MANAGER'S BOARD MEETING BULLETIN



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MPE contributes to three community needs

Board approves donation requests from Unclaimed Capital Credits Fund

The Board approved three donation requests that will impact areas across the MPE service territory and address critical needs of our communities.

The three donations, which will come from the MPE Unclaimed Capital Credits Fund, are as follows:

- \$100,000 toward the Town of Granby's planned affordable apartment project's ground source heat pump system
- \$100,000 toward the restoration of the Middle Park Health Wellness Center gym in Kremmling
- \$50,000 annually in a five-year commitment towards Grand Beginnings

The Town of Granby's deed-restricted affordable housing development seeks to showcase sustainability practices at affordable prices for Grand County residents. MPE's funds are contingent upon the Town implementing and installing the geothermal heat pump system, as planned.

The Kremmling gym project by the Middle Park

Medical Foundation will create a space that meets the recreational and developmental needs of the community and will provide opportunities for new programs. They hope it will result in an increase in the physical and mental health of the Kremmling community across all demographics.

The MPE Board previously approved a five-year contribution plan for Grand Beginnings for up to \$16,000 per year for health screenings and an employee assistance emergency fund. This meeting's action increases the total annual contribution to Grand Beginnings to \$50,000 to include funding for the Community Tuition Assistance Program. Grand Beginnings supports all licensed childhood programs charging tuition to families in Grand and Jackson counties.

The Board reviews donation requests three times per year at its regularly-scheduled meetings in March, July, and November. For more information, visit www.mpei.com/donation-request.

Other Board Meeting Items

- The Board decided to have the August board meeting in Walden and the October board meeting in Kremmling. As more specific location details are determined, they will be available at www.mpei.com/board-meetings. The Board's regular meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month, and are usually in the boardroom at the MPE headquarters in Granby.
- During the Finance Department's update for the Board, it was reported that this January set a record

for the highest amount of kWh electricity used across MPE's system. This was likely a historical high, but certainly a record dating back to 2017.

- Todd Budin of Sustainable Grand gave an update to the Board on MPE's donations toward low-income home weatherization projects and home energy audits. There were nine home weatherization projects completed in 2023, and the pipeline for 2024 projects is already at 90%. The two certified building energy assessors have already completed more than 20 audits. Sustainable Grand recently received funding to allow rebates for business audits.