

Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1
19030 Ponchatoula Park Dr.
Ponchatoula, LA 70454
Conference Room - Gym
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2025
6:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order: Kyle Mitchell, Co-Chairman

The public hearing was called to order by Kyle Mitchell at 6:03 p.m.

II. Roll Call: Terry Byers (A), Marshall Graves (P), Patricia Landaiche (A), Kyle Mitchell (P)

Christy Whitaker (P)

Visitors: Letisha Smith, Mark Verbois, Wesley Fletcher

III. Approval of Minutes: September 25, 2025 Minutes

Motion by Marshall Graves

Seconded by Christy Whitaker

Favor: 3 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: 2

IV. Approval of Financials: September 2025

Motion by Marshall Graves

Seconded by Christy Whitaker

Favor: 3 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: 2

V. Public / Guest Comments:

None

VI. Reports:

Director's Report – Mark Verbois

Sports- Gave an update that flag football's season had ended there was a couple of more weeks for tackle. The basketball camp went well and they had 100+ kids. Basketball registration is about to close on October 31st. Halloween Event is set for next Fridy 24th in the gym.

Inclusive playground – Gave an update had a meeting with Swift (Hahn), Ace of Hearts, Jaycees and Lane Daniels, to get the layout and discussed the location of the bathrooms. Lane Daniels has guys that are ready roll with dirt work and cement. Verbois presented a layout of where the bathrooms would be. He asked what the board would prefer. Kyle Mitchell suggested that he consult with the professionals who will have a better idea of what is needed.

Uses of tables by the schools- The excessive usage was brought to Verbois attention and asked how the board would like to handle it. The discussion was tabled until the board could think about it.

Audit items are being addressed

Policies and employee handbook should be ready for next meeting. Verbois is still formatting it.

The cooperative endeavor for the state money that will go to the inclusive playground needs a designated signer. Terry Byers can sign it however if Verbois signs it the board would need to make a resolution to give him authority. Mitchell said he would talk to Byers.

Smith reminded the board that the amended budget and proposed budget will be introduced at the November 13th meeting.

VII. Old Business:

- a. Adjacent Property #1- The asking price would be 15,000-20,000 thousand. It will need to be appraisal.
- b. New Retirement Plan- Verbois reported that there would be no cost to us. Motion was made by Graves and seconded by Whitaker to move forward – all in favor.

VIII. New Business:

- a. Adjacent Property #2 – Verbois received a call about a second piece of property adjacent to the park. Mitchell suggests that they get a real estate agent involved for both pieces of property. Marshall Graves made a motion to get a real estate agent for both properties Christy Whitaker second - all in favor.

X. Adjournment:

Motion by Graves

Seconded by Whitaker

Favor: 3 Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0 Absent: 2

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Kyle Mitchell, Board Co-Chairman