

Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1
19030 Ponchatoula Park Dr.
Ponchatoula, LA 70454
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 9, 2023
6:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order: *Terry Byers, Chairman*

The regular meeting was called to order by Terry Byers, at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call: Terry Byers (P), Marshall Graves (A), Roger Kennedy (P), Patricia Landaiche (P- Arrived 6:05), Kyle Mitchell (P)

Visitors : Jacob Stevens, Letisha Smith, Ernie Drake via phone

II. Approval of Minutes: *October 19, 2023, Regular Meeting*

*After review, it was motioned by Roger Kennedy and seconded by Kyle Mithcell approving minutes.
Motion passed.*

III. Approval of Financials: *October 20 – November 9*

*After review, it was motioned by Kyle Mitchell and seconded by Roger Kennedy approving financials.
Motion passed.*

IV. Guests

Ernie Drake, Drake Williams Law Firm, went over the Article VII, §14 of the Louisiana Constitution stating that schools should not fall under a Cooperative Endeavor agreement and why. PARD can put a discount rate in place. After Ernie Drake concluded the call , the discussion was tabled for the next meeting to vote on a percentage for the discount.

V. Old Business:

It was announced that the vacant position of Program/Events Coordinator was filled by promoting within the organization. Christa Stewart was promoted from Receptionist to Program/Events Coordinator. The job opening for Office Assistant has been posted.

Jacob Stevens has spoken with Shelly Matherne in reference to the inclusive playground and would like to set up another meeting to discuss it further. Kyle Mitchell will reach out to the parish.

VI. New Business:

A. Sponsor Signage – New sponsor signage along with the new logo has been installed above the scoreboards.

VI. Reports:

A. Park Manager's Report – Stevens gave an update on the Selser's Creek bulkhead project. PARD has contracted A & M Engineering and is moving forwarded.

B. Program/Events update - A listing of upcoming events scheduled at PARD was included in the board meeting packets by coordinator Tisha Smith.


C. Chairman Remarks – Byers closes the meeting by thanking members for their attendance.

VII. Adjournment:

There was a motion by Kyle Mitchell and seconded by Roger Kennedy to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.



Terry Byers, Board Chairman



Letisha Smith, Executive Secretary