

Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1
19030 Ponchatoula Park Dr.
Ponchatoula, LA 70454

Public Meeting & Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 14, 2023

5:30p.m.

I. Call to Order: Terry Byers, Chairman

The public hearing was called to order by Terry Byers, at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call: *Terry Byers (P), Marshall Graves (A), Roger Kennedy (P), Patricia Landaiche (A), Kyle Mitchell (P)*

Visitors: *Jacob Stevens, Letisha Smith*

II. Budget Report – Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023

2023 Budget Amendments & 2024 Proposed Budget Resolutions After review and without any public rejection, Terry Byers called the roll for the adoption thereof, and by an unanimously vote, the resolutions were adopted by the following votes: Terry Byers (P), Marshall Graves (A), Roger Kennedy (P), Patricia Landaiche (A), Kyle Mitchell(P)

III. Adjournment:

There was a motion by Roger Kennedy and seconded by Kyle Mitchell to adjourn the public meeting. All members were in favor and the public meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

End of Public Meeting : 5:37 p.m.

I. Call to Order: Terry Byers, Chairman

The regular meeting was called to order by Terry Byers, at 5:37 p.m.

Roll Call: *Terry Byers (P), Marshall Graves (A), Roger Kennedy (P), Patricia Landaiche (A), Kyle Mitchell (P)*

Visitors: *Jacob Stevens, Letisha Smith*

II. Approval of Minutes: November 9, 2023, Regular Meeting and Public Meeting.

After review, it was motioned by Kyle Mitchell and seconded by Roger Kennedy approving minutes.

Motion passed.

III. Approval of Financials: November 1- November 30, 2023

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

IV. Old Business:

- *Inclusive Playground- Letisha Smith stated she gathered information about Inclusive Playgrounds and grants at the LRPA Conference. Jacob spoke to Shelly Matherne about scheduling a meeting with Shelly and a representative for Unlimited Play from St. Louis. They would like to do a site walk of the park to help determine a site plan and would like to meet with the board. Kyle Mitchell has been in contact with Councilwoman Brigette Delatte Hyde to speak about funds for the playground.*
- *Rental Rates- Jacob Stevens announced that starting January 1, 2024, the new rental rates for the events building and pavilion will begin.*

V. New Business:

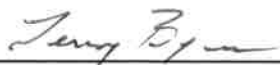
- *Insurance Claim- Jacob Stevens informed the board that PARD received checks from Travelers Insurance which covered the claim in full with the exception of the deductible. The DA will work towards getting the deductible reimbursed back to PARD.*
- *2024 Meeting Dates- Dates were in the packet as an attachment for the upcoming meetings.*

VI. Reports:

- *Park Manager's Report – Stevens reported that the Regionals Baseball Association Officials request to have their training camp at PARD. They will use the fields and the events building.
PHS scheduled a softball fundraiser tournament for 2024 prior to the changes made for Ponchatoula Schools new facility usage rates. They are grandfathered in with the current 2023 Cooperative Endeavor and will follow the Endeavor for this event.*
- *Program/Events Coordinator Report- Smith reported that the Christmas event was a success. A calendar for 2024 will be in the packet for the January meeting.*
- *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 6:09 p.m.



Terry Byers, Board Chairman



Letisha Smith, Executive Secretary