

Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1
19030 Ponchatoula Park Dr.
Ponchatoula, LA 70454
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 15, 2024
6:00p.m.

I. Call to Order: Terry Byers, Chairman

The public hearing was called to order by Terry Byers, at 6:02 p.m.

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

Visitors: *Jacob Stevens, Letisha Smith, Eddie Brown (PBA), Mike Brown, Paul Riggs and Brody Howes (James, Lambert, Riggs & Associates)*

II. Approval of Minutes: *January 18, 2024, Regular Meeting and Public Meeting.*

After review, it was motioned by Marshall Graves and seconded by Kyle Mitchell approving minutes.

Motion passed.

III. Approval of Financials: *January 1- January 31, 2024*

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

IV. Old Business:

- *Inclusive Playground- Kyle Mitchell has spoken to Mitchell Aleshire through the Lt. Governors Office about the Outdoor Legacy Partnership program. Grant would pay 50%. Has spoken to Councilwoman Brigitte Delatte Hyde and the parish grant writer. Jacob received an email with revisions and a total cost of \$ 614,494.*
- *Bulkhead – Jacob Stevens is working advertising dates, advertising locations, pre-bid date and receipt of bid date. Hoping by the next meeting it will be out for bid.*

V. New Business:

- *Mike Brown – Requested a pickleball league and is working at forming a board. The board was all in favor of PARD creating a Pickleball league.*
- *Eddie Brown- Ponchatoula Basketball Association- presented to the board he would like to try the summer league again. No practices, games would be on Saturday in the month of June. Terry Byers asked him to get with the office to work out the details.*
- *Ponchatoula Youth Basketball Association Security- Jacob Stevens told the board that due to the recent outbreak of fights, two (2) security officers were now required.*
- *James, Lambert & Riggs- Paul Riggs went over the upcoming audit, presented the Louisiana Legislative Auditor Statewide Agreed-upon Procedures and Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire which is to be approved at the next board meeting.*

- Safe Donation- Jacob Stevens requested that the old safe stored in the storage shed be donated to the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival Board. The PARD Board agreed to the donation.

VI. Reports:

- *Park Manager's Report – Cinderblock Backstop construction will start tomorrow, 2/16/2024. Starting with Millville field.*
There has been no word on the Ponchatoula Youth Football League forming a board. Terry Byers requested Jacob Stevens to speak to the PARD attorney to see what steps could be taken.
Jacob Stevens reported that the press boxes in the baseball complexes were getting moved too often and was putting a strain on the structures. He suggested that a dedicated snowball stand be built to replace the press box that they now used. Terry said he would speak to the PYBS Board.
- *Recreation Coordinator report reviewed.*
- *Chairman Remarks – Byers closes the meeting by thanking members for their help and 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 7:01 p.m.



Terry Byers, Board Chairman



Letisha Smith, Executive Secretary