

Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1  
19030 Ponchatoula Park Dr.  
Ponchatoula, LA 70454  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
Thursday, May 18, 2022  
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 (P), Roger Kennedy (P), Patricia Landaiche (P), Kyle Mitchell (P)*

Visitors : *Shannon Aycock, Jacob Stevens, Tisha Smith, George Mitchell*

**II. Approval of Minutes:** April 20, 2023 Regular Meeting

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

*Motion passed.*

**III. Approval of Financials:** April 20, 2023 – May 17, 2023

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

**IV. Old Business:**

*None to report*

**V. New Business:**

- A. George Mitchell, Adult Slow-Pitch Softball – *George Mitchell proposed to the Board his plan for forming an Adult slow-pitch softball league within the Ponchatoula District in the near future and request that Board considers to allow such activity to take place at PARD's facilities when he has his the league fully established. Due to Mr. Mitchell being in the early stages of his plans, Byers recommended that he reaches out to someone affiliated with the individual sport programs currently hosted at PARD to get guidance on what initial steps he needs to take to form a sports league organization and once he is fully established, he then reaches back out to PARD for this request. Byers and the Board all wish Mr. Mitchell the best of luck with his endeavor and offer their assistance to him if needed.*
- B. Employee Rental Rates – *Byers calls to table this agenda items until the recommendations requested from the Auditor is made available and discussed.*
- C. Sport League Game Security Detail – *Byers explains the requirement of having a uniformed security officer present during all competitive sporting activity taking place at PARD facilities is due to a policy enforced by PARD, not the individual sport programs. The financial responsibility for the security is put on the sport programs and Byers would like to help alleviate this burden from the sport programs so they can reinvest this cost back into the program and ultimately back into the community. Byers makes the request to the Board for their approval on amending the Cooperative Endeavor Agreements PARD has with the sport programs to reflect the cost absorption for security details will become a financial responsibility of PARD. All members were in favor of this request and approved the transfer of responsibility to PARD from the sports programs.*

**VI. Reports:**

- A. Park Manager's Report – *Stevens informed the Board of the rescheduling of PARD's Youth Fishing Rodeo to a later date of May 27<sup>th</sup> due to inclement weather that occurred. Stevens explains an incident occurred during a recent storm of bad weather regarding some pole lights along the driveway and at the ballfields. Apparently, lightning had struck somewhere close to the power source, causing several of the lights to burn out and a couple scoreboards is schedule for repair.*
- 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 showing his gratitude towards his fellow commissioners for electing him as their new Chairman and reminds them of the Independence Day Firework show coming up. After thanking to the members of board for also volunteering their time to PARD, the meeting adjourn.*

**VII. Adjournment:**

*There was a motion by Roger Kennedy and seconded by Kyle Mitchell to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.*

Terry Byers, Board Chairman

Shannon Aycock, Executive Secretary