

Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1
19030 Ponchatoula Park Dr.
Ponchatoula, LA 70454
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 21, 2024
6:00p.m.

I. Call to Order: Terry Byers, Chairman

The public hearing was called to order by Terry Byers, at 6:06 p.m.

Roll Call: *Terry Byers (P), Marshall Graves (A), Roger Kennedy : 6:20 (P), Patricia Landaiche (P), Kyle Mitchell (P)*

Visitors: *Jacob Stevens, Letisha Smith, Don Marshall, Calli Fynaut*

II. Approval of Minutes: *February 15, 2024, Regular Meeting*

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

Motion passed.

III. Approval of Financials: *February 1 – February 31, 2024*

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

IV. Old Business:

- *Inclusive Playground- Kyle Mitchell is still working on keeping contact with Bridgette and the grant writer.*

V. New Business:

- **Adopt LA Compliance Questionnaire-** The questionnaire resolution was offered by Terry Byers. A roll call vote was taken. YEAS: Terry Byers, Roger Kennedy, Kyle Mitchell, Tricia Landaiche ABSENT: Marshall Graves
- **2024 Fireworks Show-**Date was set for Thursday, July 4, 2024. The board reviewed the proposal from Artisan Pyrotechnics for the 2024 Fireworks Show. The cost was close to the show from 2023. The board all agreed to the proposal.
 - **Vendors –** Allowing vendors to lease a spot for food trucks. Letisha had been researching requirements, cost for lease and other. The board agreed that it would be nice to give options to the community.
- **Ponchatoula Youth Football League-** Calli Fynaut attended the meeting representing the Ponchatoula Youth Football League. Calli updated the PARD Board on the upcoming plans for the season which will begin with a football camp. They would like to get the season registration open. Letisha Smith requested someone with PYFL to meet with Christa Stewart, Recreation Coordinator, to get all the details worked out before registration can be opened.

- Don Marshall- Mr. Marshall came prepared with a statement and read it to the PARD Board of Directors. During a Ponchatoula Basketball Association game, his daughter was injured and was diagnosed with a concussion. He stated his concerns about the safety of the players and the actions and/or lack of action from the other players, coaches, officials, parents, the Ponchatoula Basketball Association, and Ponchatoula Area Recreation District #1. Chairman Byers stated that PARD#1 would reach out to Ponchatoula Basketball Association and gave his word that it would be looked in to.

VI. Reports:

- *Park Manager's Report – The bulkhead project has been out for public bid for the 2nd week. By the next board meeting Jared Monceaux may be in to present his recommendation of contractors.*
 - *The backstop project is complete.*
 - *A new cooler was purchased for the football concession.*
 - *Gym 2 had a sewer issue that was a major project that took over a week to repair.*
- *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 7:15 p.m.



Terry Byers, Board Chairman



Letisha Smith, Executive Secretary