

Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1
19030 Ponchatoula Park Dr.
Ponchatoula, LA 70454
Conference Room - Gym
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 25, 2025
6:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order: Terry Byers, Chairman

The public hearing was called to order by Terry Byers, at 6:04 p.m.

II. Roll Call: Terry Byers (P), Marshall Graves (P), Christy Whitaker (P), Patricia Landaiche (P),
Kyle Mitchell (A)

Visitors: Letisha Smith, Mark Verbois, Wesley Fletcher, Paul Riggs

III. Approval of Minutes: May 15, 2025 Minutes

Motion by Patricia Landaiche Seconded by Marshall Graves
Minutes Approved

Favor: 4_ Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: 1

IV. Approval of Financials: May, 1– 30, 2025

Motion by Marshall Graves Seconded by Patricia Landaiche
Financials Approved

Favor: 4_ Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: 1

V. Public / Guest Comments:

None

VI. Reports:

Director's Report – Mark Verbois

1. Verbois introduced the new Recreation Supervisor, DeMarquise Burise.
2. AT&T lines have been put down and we are still going through the process of changing over. It will save the park around \$900 a month.
3. Inclusive playground signs paid for by the Jaycees are placed around the park to help with fundraising. The Jaycees are also getting funding with the help of Senator Wheat and Representative Coates. There was an interview with Action17 and Tangi Lifestyle came to do a photo shoot and interview. Verbois and a Jaycee representative met with a couple of potential donors.

4. Verbois reported that Burise made a connection with North Oaks Sports Performance and is working to form a partnership with them, which would get PARD a sports trainer and other amenities.
5. Landscaping has been completed by Landscape Plus. In the contract, Landscape Plus included some in-kind services, and the Ponchatoula Rotary donated some of the new plants.
6. Ponchatoula Rotary is offering to donate trauma bags.
7. Old logos are being updated.
8. Showed the board maps for the fireworks show.
9. Verbois gave an update on the meeting with Berryland Insurance about the renewal for the property insurance.

Assistant Director's Report- Letisha Smith

1. Smith is still working on the Board Orientation packet and told the board if there was anything specific they would like added to the book, let her know.
2. Smith reported that she, Mark Verbois, DeMarquis Bruise, and newest board member Christy Whitaker attended Parks and Rec Day at the Capitol on June 3. Representatives from parks across the state attended to help bring awareness to legislators of the importance of parks to the communities.
3. Smith stated that at the next board meeting, she would have the budget in the packet for a mid-year review and announced the date for the next board meeting and special board meeting.

Facility Director's Report- Wesley Fletcher

1. Baseball season has kept the crew busy, so they are a little behind. With the is almost over, they will start to catch up.
2. The Crew has also been preparing for the fireworks show.
3. They have been painting the parking lots to use up the paint from the old paint machine.

VII. Old Business:

- a. None

VIII. New Business:

- a. Rules of Decorum - A motion was made by Patricia Landaiche to add to the Rules of Decorum to the agenda, Christy Whitaker seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

Verbois presented the changes that were made to the Rules of Decorum Citizen Participation. A vote was called to accept the rules. Christy Whittaker made a motion to Accept the Rules of Decorum Citizen Participation, Patricia Landaiche second the motion. All was in favor, motion passed.

