

Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1  
19030 Ponchatoula Park Dr.  
Ponchatoula, LA 70454  
**Public Hearing/Meeting & Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
Thursday, July 18, 2024  
6:00p.m.

**Public Hearing:**

**I. Call to Order:** Terry Byers, Chairman

*The public hearing was called to order by Terry Byers, at 6:00 p.m.*

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

Visitors: *Letisha Smith, Wesley Fletcher*

**II. Approval of Minutes:** *None*

**III. Approval of Financials:** *None*

**IV. Old Business:** *None*

**V. New Business:**

A. Introduce Resolutions of 4 & 10 Millage Rates- *Terry Byers introduced the two Resolutions for rolling forward for the 4 & 10 Millage Rates. No Public input was made, nor was any made from the PARD1 Board.*

**VI. Reports:**

- A. Park Manager's Report- *None*
- B. Supervisor's Report- *None*
- C. Recreation Coordinator's Report- *None*
- D. Chairman's Remark- *None*

**VII. Adjournment:**

*A motion was made by Kyle Mitchell and seconded by Roger Kennedy to adjourn the Public Hearing. Motion passed. The Public Hearing adjourned at 6:09.*

**Public Meeting**

**II. Call to Order:** Terry Byers, Chairman

*The public meeting was called to order by Terry Byers, at 6:09 p.m.*

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

Visitors: *Letisha Smith, Wesley Fletcher, Ponchatoula Citizen*

**II. Approval of Minutes: June 20, 2024, Regular Meeting**

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

**III. Approval of Financials: June 1 – June 30, 2024**

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

**IV. Old Business:**

- A. *PARD's 2024 Independence Day Fireworks Show- Terry Byers said it was a successful show. There was lots of positive feedback.*
- B. *Inclusive Playground- Letisha Smith announced that there was a meeting scheduled for August 1 with the Jaycees, Ace of Hearts, PARD1 and anyone who would like to be involved.*
- C. *Cooperative Endeavor- Terry Byers reintroduced changes he would like to see in the endeavor. The discussion was tabled.*

**V. New Business:**

- A. *Adopt the Adjusted Millage Rates – After Terry Byers read the resolution aloud in full, the roll was called on the adoption of the adjusted millage rates. Motion was passed in the public meeting by the following votes: Terry Byers (Y), Marshall Graves (Y), Roger Kennedy (Y), Patricia Landaiche (Y) Kyle Mitchell (Y)*
- B. *Roll Forward Millage Rates - After Terry Byers read the second resolution aloud in full, the roll was called on the adoption of Rolling Forward the Millage Rates not exceeding the maximum authorized rate. Motion was passed in the public meeting by the following votes: Terry Byers (Y), Marshall Graves (Y), Roger Kennedy (Y), Patricia Landaiche (Y) Kyle Mitchell (Y)*
- C. *2023 Audit Presentation – Moved to next meeting.*
- D. *FGB Authorized Signatures- Letisha Smith asked for permission to remove Jacob Stevens for the First Guaranty Bank account and add Wesley Fletcher and Marshall Graves. A vote was taken, and all were in favor.*
- E. *FGB Credit Card- Letisha Smith asked permission to get the PARD1 credit card through First Guaranty Bank and move away from Bank of America. A vote was taken, and all were in favor.*
- F. *Sinking Fund- Letisha Smith reported that during the audit it was suggested that the sinking account be closed and the funds be transferred to the general fund account. A vote was taken, and all were in favor.*

G. Job Posting- *The board briefly discussed the open position of the Park Manager and decided to schedule a special meeting to discuss how to proceed.*

VI. **Other-** *Ponchatoula Citizen - He asked a question about the Rolling Forward Millage. Letisha Smith explained what it was and how it worked. He then inquired about lights around the outside track and the closing time of the indoor track. Terry Byers told him that the board would take his requests into consideration.*

**VII. Reports:**

E. *Interim Park Manager's Report- Wesley Fletcher reported on the progress of the bulkhead. Repairs and upgrades had been started on the Football Press Box. He introduced the proposal for the drainage project and informed the board that one of the Kubota carts had to be replaced and two more are in need of replacement. One of the two was completely down due to a rusted-out frame. He is in the process of getting prices.*

F. *Supervisor's Report- Letisha Smith reported that Ducks Unlimited was requesting to rent the gym for their banquet. Smith asked if the board approved of their auction items. Everyone approved. Smith also asked their feeling on a rental for a MMA Cage Fight this fall. They approved.*

G. *Recreation Coordinator's Report- Terry Byers went over all the dates of upcoming registration, events and activities.*

H. *Chairman's Remark- Byers closes the meeting by thanking members for their service and time.*

**VIII. Adjournment:**

*A motion was made by Kyle Mitchell and seconded by Roger Kennedy to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. All members were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.*

  
Terry Byers, Board Chairman

  
Letisha Smith, Executive Secretary