

Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1
19030 Ponchatoula Park Dr.
Ponchatoula, LA 70454
Locker Room – Gym
Board Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2026
6:00pm

I. **Call to Order:** Kyle Mitchell, Co-Chairman

Meeting was called to order by Kyle Mitchell at 6:04 pm

II. **Roll Call:** Terry Byers (A), Marshall Graves (A), Jenel Secrease (P), Kyle Mitchell (P), Christy Whitaker (P)

Visitors: Christiano Mouswaswa, Wesley Fletcher, Evy Brown

III. **Approval of Minutes:** June 18, 2026

Motion by: Christy Whitaker

Seconded by: Jenel Secrease

Favor: 3

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 2

IV. **Approval of Financials:** June 2026

Motion by: Christy Whitaker

Seconded by: Jenel Secrease

Favor: 3

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 2

V. **Public Input:** None

VI. **Director Report:**

The construction company will start concrete on 7/2/26 for the inclusive playground. Estimated date for Completion is the first week in August as of right now. Fireworks show got a lot of good feedback and was a success. Youth Football Registrations are open. Cheer Camp in June was a success with over 30 participants. Speed & Agility Camp is offered twice a week for our program. Youth Volleyball has been going well. PARD met with PYBS to discuss the transition of Baseball/Softball. Fields are being maintained for the upcoming sports. The conference room and office renovations are still underworking with being discussed. Sponsorship packets have been completed for park sponsors. Chris plans to move forward with working on the new Retirement Plan.

VII. **Old Business**

a. Inclusive Playground – Swift Recreation LLC Authorized Payment

Motion by: Jenel Secrease

Seconded by: Christy Whitaker

Favor: 3

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 2

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b. Retirement Plan

Chris explained that the entire staff voted on what plan they wanted and majority voted for the Equitable plan. He went over the entire plan and how everything would work. After hearing the explanation, the board wants Chris to come up with a structure plan and analysis of the plan that it would cost the park and come back to the August meeting with all the information for board approval.

VIII. New Business

a. Contract Renewal – Paragon IT & Security

Motion by: Jenel Secrease

Seconded by: Christy Whitaker

Favor: 3

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 2

IX. Co-Chairman's Remarks

Kyle encouraged Chris to get everything ready with the Retirement plan for the next meeting so that all the board will have to do is go over everything and be able to approve it as long as everyone agrees to it.

X. Adjournment

Motion by: Jenel Secrease

Seconded by: Christy Whitaker

Favor: 3

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 2

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm

Kyle Mitchell, Board Co-Chairman