Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1
19030 Ponchatoula Park Dr.
Ponchatoula, LA 70454
Locker Room – Gym
Board Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2026
6:00pm

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

Meeting was called to order by Terry Byers at 6:03 pm

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

Visitors: Christiano Mouswaswa, Wesley Fletcher, Evy Krieger, Amanda (Berryland Insurance), J. Parker Layrisson

III. **Approval of Minutes**: July 16, 2026

Motion by: Jenel Secrease Seconded by: Marshall Graves

Favor: 3 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: 2

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

Motion by: Jenel Secrease Seconded by: Marshall Graves

Favor: 3 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: 2

V. **Public Input**

J. Parker Layrisson – Wanting to put some kind of memorial for an athlete that grew up in Ponchatoula to commemorate his baseball career being made Ponchatoula.

VI. Director Report

Chris is working on the retirement plan and once everything is finalized, he will submit it and the representative will come and customize each employee’s plan. Chris and Tisha have been working on the budget together for 2027. Tisha has been working on digitalizing records for safe keeping. Football practices have started and Chris gave and updated on dates and participation of Football, Cheer, and Adult Volleyball and Pickleball. Chris gave an update on Concessions’ profit. Chris updates on Halloween Event date and Christmas Event date. Socials have been expanding as well. Nature programs are expanding.

VII. Facility Director Report

Wesley gave an update on the situation with the new conference room. Wesley is getting quotes on concrete to get maintenance done around the park. The landscape company will come and add gardening in front of Gym 2 and on the side of Gym 1. Sponsorship brackets were added to football scoreboards. Gym will get Pressure washed starting next week. The roof quote was approved but have not heard from anyone since. Wesley gave an update on the AC's to be added to the concession stands.

VIII. Old Business

a. Retirement Plan

Motion by: Jenel Secrease		Seconded by: Marshall Graves	
Favor: 3	Opposed: 0	Abstained: 0	Absent: 2

IX. New Business

b. Anchored Estimate – A/C for Concession Stands – Needed to get quote approval from the Board to add units to each stand and the bathrooms that are attached to them.

Motion by: Jenel Secrease		Seconded by: Marshall Graves	
Favor: 3	Opposed: 0	Abstained: 0	Absent: 0

c. Surplus Disposal Resolution – Roll Call: Terry Byers (Y), Marshall Graves (Y), Jenel Secrease (Y), Kyle Mitchell (A), Christy Whitaker (A)

Yeas: 3	Opposed: 0	Abstained: 0	Absent: 0

d. Transfer Funds Resolution – Roll Call: Terry Byers (Y), Marshall Graves (Y), Jenel Secrease (Y), Kyle Mitchell (Y), Christy Whitaker (Y)

Yeas: 3	Opposed: 0	Abstained: 0	Absent: 0

e. Berryland Insurance Renewal – Robby Scates (Amanda to Rep.) – Amanda went over the new insurance policy to give all the information to the Board Members to be able to vote on the new coverage for different buildings and Equipment on the property. Motion to accept the quote for the property renewal with the increase of the Events Building.

Motion by: Jenel Secrease		Seconded by: Marshall Graves	
Favor: 3	Opposed: 0	Abstained: 0	Absent: 0

f. Authorization for Invoice Approval – Inclusive Playground Project
Motion to let the Board Chairman approve all future invoices regarding the Inclusive Playground Project

Motion by: Jenel Secrease	Seconded by: Marshall Graves

Favor: 3 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: 2

X. Chairman's Remarks

Thanked the PARD board for donating their time to the park and also thanked the staff for doing everything they do to keep the park up and running.

XI. Adjournment

Motion by: Jenel Secrease Seconded by: Marshall Graves

Favor: 3 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 pm

Terry Byers, Board Chairman