Jackson Parish Recreation District Board Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2024

Jonesboro, Louisiana

The Jackson Parish Recreation District met in regular session on Monday, August 19, 2024 at 12:00pm in the Jackson Parish Recreation Building in Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members Present: Mr. Brent Barnett, Mr. Ricky Cash, Mr. Rodney Potts, and Mr. Chris Womack. Absent: Mr. Jeff Hairston, Mr. Robert Hunter and Mr. Brandon Lamkin. Also present, Mr. Steven Gatlin.

The President, Mr. Cash, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Cash and Mr. Potts led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Cash opened the floor for public comments. There were no public comments.

Motion Mr. Womack seconded Mr. Potts to approve July minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Womack seconded Mr. Potts to approve July financials. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mrs. Jennifer Hawkins, CPA, discussed the 2023 audit with the board.

Motion Mr. Potts seconded Mr. Barnett to authorize Riley Company to move forward with the LWCF grant application process for December with a maximum amount of $500,000. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith gave the board an update on some of the ongoing programs at the sports complex including archery tournament and the Fall sports flyer.

Mr. Smith and Ms. Rebecca Williams gave the board an update on the golf course, including lights for the tennis courts, membership, cart barn needing repairs, raise for two recently hired employees and fees being charged for kids on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

The board discussed policies being followed for new hires such as drug testing and background checks and will discuss raises at the next board meeting. They also asked Mr. Smith to get more quotes on the lights for the tennis courts.

Motion Mr. Potts seconded Mr. Barnett with a roll call vote of 4 yeas and 3 absent to go in to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing policies and personnel. All in favor. Motion carried.

The board exited the Executive Session and returned to the regular session with no action taken.

Motion Mr. Barnett seconded Mr. Potts to restructure and open applications for a new Recreation Director. All in favor. Motion carried.

Under old business, the board discussed the completion of the tractor purchase.

Under new business, the board discussed the use of the old office building and the safety of the ramp and steps. Mr. Cash also informed the board that the money from the Police Jury for the pavilion will be paid in installments.

Next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 16, 2024 at 12:00p.m. in the Jackson Parish Recreation Building.

Motion Mr. Potts seconded Mr. Barnett to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.