

The Livingston Parish Recreation District 2 met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, in Watson, La. at 6 pm at the Administrative Office (Live Oak Sportsplex) located at 36965 Louisiana Highway 16, Watson, La.

Present- C.Prescott, J. Hood, T.McRae, B.J.Guerin, V.Brown, B.J.Clark

Absent: April Curtis

Guests/Public: Two representatives of Lucas Spinoza, developer

Public Hearing was opened at 6:00 pm to discuss the 2024 Amended Budget and the 2025 Budget

Board discussed the two proposed values per line item.

Public Hearing was closed at 6:06 pm.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Chris Prescott.

Pledge of allegiance was given and prayer led by Administrative Secretary.

Motion to adopt the minutes as mailed for the November 6, 2024, meeting with no public comment, by T.McRae, seconded by B. J. Guerin Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-April Curtis

Chairman reported that there was one sealed bid available for opening on the surplus property along Fore Road.

Upon opening, it was noted that a purchase agreement document was inside offering \$500,000 for the 29.15 acres by Mr. Lucas Spinoza. Board discussed.

Motion to reject the bid from Mr. Spinoza due to the amount not meeting the minimum bid requirement of \$570,000 with no public comment by B.J.Guerin seconded by B.J. Clark Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-April Curtis

Board discussed their intention to explore the possibility of keeping the property or re-visiting the potential of selling as surplus in March with a closing before April of 2025.

Under public input there were none, so Chairman proceeded to the next agenda item.

Director, Mike Hansen, presented the Director's report for December.

*He reported on the basketball league activity to date and noted the issues with securing proper gym space. (lack of facility availability with schools). He stated that he has had no success in communicating to date with school officials. He will call North Park for any availability and the Chairman will contact school officials.

*He reported that he is researching park exposure platform options. He noted that he is pleased with REC One handling of registration volume, but he needs more versatility on the web site which needs improvement for updating access.

*He reported that registration will open in January, 2025, for soccer, baseball, and softball for the spring seasons.

*He covered maintenance items accomplished and that 5 of the 15 past employees have signed for their checks regarding the overtime compensation issue.

*He stated that the air condition units were installed at bathrooms.

Administrative Secretary presented the financial report with the board for the November, 2024, period of operations as compared to budget with December bills.

Motion to accept the financial report of November and pay the bills as presented for the December period with no public comment by T.McRae seconded by V.Brown Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-April Curtis

Motion to amend the 2024 Budget as presented in the public hearing with no public comment by B.J.Guerin seconded by J.Hood Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-April Curtis

Motion to adopt the 2025 Budget as presented in the public hearing with no public comment by T.McRae seconded by V.Brown Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-April Curtis

Under Chairman's report, he updated the board regarding communication with the owners of the adjacent property to the park. The estimated costs will be \$500,000 for the adjacent property purchase (Pendarvis). Board comments shared that the intention to purchase may be shifted before the expansion project is begun.

Under committee reports, B.J. Guerin commented that the Livingston Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau is proposing a digital sports tourism platform (playeasy) as a grant for the website services which will be free to the District for marketing purposes. Tracy McRae explained that she will meet with the representative to research the activation steps. Board comments agreed.

B.J. Guerin also noted that she gets calls for pickle ball courts to be available monthly.

There were no further board comments.

Motion to adjourn the meeting with no public comment by T.McRae seconded by V.Brown Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-April Curtis

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Randall Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Randall Smith
Randall Smith - Administrative Secretary

Next public meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 6 pm