

The Livingston Parish Recreation District 2 met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, in Watson, La. at 6 pm at the Administrative Office (Live Oak Sportsplex) located at 36965 Louisiana Highway 16, Watson, La.

Present- B.J. Guerin, S. Howitz, A.Curtis, V. Brown. B.J.Clark

Absent: Chris Prescott, Tracy McRae

Guests/Public: Doug Causey, Chase Groger, Taylor Hubert, Troy Alello

Ryan Chavers, Livingston Parish Councilman

Employees of the District

Meeting called to order by Moderator, Administrative Secretary

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

Motion to adopt the minutes as mailed for the May 14, 2025, meeting with no public comment, by B.J. Guerin seconded by A. Curtis Vote passed Yeas-5 –none Nays-none Absent-Chris Prescott, Tracy McRae

Under public comments, Doug Causey addressed the board requesting an update on minutes and financials which are not on the website. Director noted that issues with the website provider have recently been corrected and that these requested documents will be posted soon. Mr. Causey also wanted a validation from Mrs. McRae on elementary school population. He also wanted to hear the reasoning for the expansion plans and a justification for spending funds on this expansion project. Director and April Curtis responded on plans for soccer and other sports programs and the need for space. A historical explanation of the Fore Road property plans was given. Mr. Taylor Hubert commented that the 5 year plan is a working plan to his understanding. B.J. Guerin made comments on past years public comments and the development of the 5 year plan. Doug Causey commented that other changes to the plan should be considered by the board. Parish Councilman Chavers recommended for Mr. Causey to meet with District officials to understand the 5 year plan.

Chase Groger addressed the board and recommended that A) the soccer program consider different methods of registration, B) increasing funding for improved uniforms/officials, C) improving pictures posted on the website/facebook of soccer Participants. Director responded to the recommendations.

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

*He reported that spring league play has been completed.

Director commented that fall recreation league play is open through June 30, 2025. He noted that fall soccer registration ends on July 31, 2025.

- * He reported on facility maintenance performed this past month.

- *He noted that Primetek, LLC will be creating a new more functional website for the District. They are in the design stage now and he will follow up with request made for information to be posted timely.

- *He stated that preparation work is in progress for the electronic gate project to be completed.

- *He stated that large banners have been placed in multiple locations for advertising registration of sports programs.

- *He noted that batting cages are installed in the front of the park.

- *He commented that soccer equipment and supplies are being ordered and stated that he will be meeting individuals for the discussion of using BRSC rules and referee certification processes for soccer leagues. He stated he has an upcoming meeting with high school soccer coaches and is reaching out for ideas concerning soccer referee training.

He presented a presentation on the results from a soccer league performance public survey from parents on the past season. He noted that feedback was overwhelmingly positive with improvements to be considered being shared. He also shared trophy expenses allocations and his philosophy on awards. Board consensus agreed on his view regarding awards.

- *He reported on land clearing research to date and the details of one quote from a logger to harvest timber first before clearing the 20 acre tract. Board discussed and advised to leave a strip of trees on the edges of the tract and to secure other quotes from loggers. Board consensus agreed to authorize Director to proceed with logging from vendors with most advantageous price from quotes for harvesting on the new land.

Administrative Secretary presented the financial report with the board for the May, 2025, period of operations as compared to budget with June bills.

Motion to accept the financial report of May and pay the bills as presented for the June period with no public comment by V. Brown seconded by A. Curtis Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-Chris Prescott, Tracy McRae

There were no Committee reports.

Under Board comments, B.J.Guerin commented on public attendance concerning time for discussion on agenda items and the past impact on the District's ability to conduct regular business on agenda items.

.Mrs. Guerin noted that a new agenda recognition policy is required by the state. She presented a recommendation for a public comment policy for board consideration.

Motion to adopt a procedure regarding the public meeting comment section on the meeting agenda whereby a public comment item A) needs to requested to be placed onto the meeting agenda at least 48 hours before the public meeting, B) a comment card is completed from the individual reflecting an explanation of the specific item for discussion before the meeting begins, C) maximum time for presentation before the board for the individual on the topic shall be set at 3 minutes, and D) Other public comments can be made on this specific item only during discussion period, the motion was made with no public comment by V. Brown seconded by S. Howitz Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-Chris Prescott, Tracy McRae

There was no Chairman's report.

Ryan Chavers commented and reminded that the District can use the Parish Council's adopted ordinance relating to enforcement and prosecution of vandalism violations at the park with assistance of the Sheriff's Office based upon Parish Council's empowerment ordinance.

Motion to adjourn the meeting with no public comment by B. J. Clark seconded by V. Brown Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-Chris Prescott, Tracy McRae



Randall Smith - Administrative Secretary

Next public meeting on Wednesday, July 9, 2025 6 pm