

The Livingston Parish Recreation District 2 met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 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, T.McRae, J.Hood, B.J.Clark, B.J.Guerin, V.Brown, A.Curtis
Absent: none

Guests: Director Mike Hansen

Public: Chase Grover, Heather Riley and another citizen

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 March 13, 2024, meeting with no public comment, by T.McRae seconded by B.J.Clark Vote passed Yeas– 5 Nays–none Not voting–April Curtis, B.J.Guerin Absent–none

Board

discussed prior minutes that were adopted for the February regular meeting, and stated that they were not aware of any specific corrections needed at this time.

Under public input, Mr. Chase Grover requested attention be given to the grass condition on some fields (sticker infestation) for the children's protection. Director explained the treatment made to date and that the infestation is connected to the past summer drought on the soil and grass roots. Mr. Grover also noted the bathroom problems he had observed in the past week. B.J.Guerin explained the low number of employees currently servicing the park, but stated that bathrooms will be a priority item when the passage of the renewal tax is accomplished. Ideas for hiring new staff to attend to bathroom needs as a routine maintenance item. Tracy McRae suggested hiring a part time employee assigned to bathroom duties. Director explained time management issues currently, but the need for improvement with bathrooms due to continual public abuse of the facilities.

Director, Mike Hansen, reported that the leagues are in progress with high attendance at the park.

*He covered the vandalism as previously stated regarding bathrooms and that a slide was recently damaged (replacement will be addressed).

*He covered the need for a higher limit on the credit card due to purchasing supply demands. He also summarized the labor challenges for concessions this year as experienced in the fall last year. Board consensus agreed to increase the credit card (Hancock Whitney Card) limit to a maximum of \$10,000.

*Director will meet with the committee on the philosophy of providing concession services versus using outside vendors in the upcoming weeks.

Administrative

Secretary presented the financial report with the board for the March, 2024, period of operations as compared to budget with April bills.

Motion to accept the financial report of March and pay the bills as presented for the April period with no public comment by C.Prescott seconded by T.McRae Vote passed Yeas—7 Nays—none Absent—none

Chairman reported that there were no new items to report on property issues. He noted that Legal Counsel has all paperwork on the two CEA from prior meeting.

He explained that the District's Parish Councilman wants a quarterly report to be issued reflecting attendance, minutes, public interaction, and special issues encountered from the District during each report period.

Under Committee reports: B.J.Guerin presented an update to the full board on the recent presentation made to the Parish Council relating to a five year projection plan of revenues and expenses (inclusive of capital outlay plans).

B.J. Guerin also shared an election readiness report and summarized some feedback from the public on

specific items needing attention at the park. She stated that she has been explaining taxation in the District from all public organizations and this District's need to renew for providing recreation services to the youth.

Chairman recognized Mrs. Heather Riley who also expressed bathroom attention needs during operating hours at the park. She commented on her understanding on the employee needs to accomplish this item.

Board members discussed the priority on bathroom procedures and staffing after the election renewal is determined by the public.

There were no further board comments.

There was no old business.

Motion to adjourn the meeting with no public comment by C.Prescott seconded by B.J.Clark Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Randall Smith

Randall Smith – Administrative Secretary

Next public meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2023 6 pm