

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1
19030 Ponchatoula Park Dr.
Ponchatoula, LA 70454
Thursday, October 18, 2018
6:30 p.m.

- I. Call to Order: Eldrid Palmer, Jr., Chairman
The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Eldrid Palmer, Jr. at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Terry Byers (A, joined meeting 6:35), Greg Fletcher (P), Roger Kennedy (A), Eldrid Palmer (P), Ronnie Rocquin (P)

Visitors: P. Riggs, C. Whitaker & K. Palmer, M. Holly & M. Beckers
- II. Approval of Minutes: September 20, 2018 Meeting: After reviewing it was motioned by Greg Fletcher and seconded by Ronnie Rocquin to approve the minutes of September 20, 2018. Motion passed.
- III. Approval of Financial: September 20-October 17, 2018: After reviewing it was motioned by Ronnie Rocquin and seconded by Greg Fletcher approving financials. Motion passed.
Roll Call: Ayes-Greg Fletcher, Eldrid Palmer, Ronald Rocquin
Nays-None,
Abstain-None,
Absent-Terry Byers, Roger Kennedy
- IV. Old Business:
 - A. Overflow Gym: Holly & Smith Architects
Holly addressed board on plans for overflow gym. Board described additional revisions to the double court design. Holly and Beckers assured the board that proposed changes are understood and architectural plans will be resubmit with a new scheduled.
 - B. Ethics Training: Martin
Martin reminded board members certificated for LA Ethics must be completed by end of the year.

V. New Business:

A. Engagement Agreement: Paul Riggs, CPA

Riggs introduced proposed contracts by James Lambert Riggs & Associates, Inc for financial services for years ending Dec. 31, 2018, Dec. 31, 2019, and Dec. 31, 2020. Service include audit of financial statements, engagement agreement for non-audit services and statewide agreed-upon procedures. After further review it was motion by Greg Fletcher and seconded by Terry Byers to accept contracts for the next three years. Motion passed.

Roll Call: Ayes-Greg Fletcher, Eldrid Palmer, Ronald Rocquin

Nays-None,

Abstain-None,

Absent-Terry Byers, Roger Kennedy

B. 2019 Proposed Budget and 2018 Amended Budget: Paul Riggs, CPA

Riggs explain the Local Government Budget Act (LGBA) in Preparation of 2019 budget 2018 amended budget. Public notice of hearing and meeting is scheduled for Nov. 15, 2018. Public meeting will consider adoption of proposed budgets for 10 Mil, 4 Mil and Sinking Fund for Calendar Year 2019. Riggs explained projected and amended figures for 2018 budget and identified 2019 bond debt issuance cost. Greg Fletcher motion to advertise public hearing /meeting for November 15th meeting date. Motion seconded by Ronnie Rocquin.

Roll Call: Ayes-Terry Byers, Greg Fletcher, Eldrid Palmer, Ronald Rocquin

Nays-None,

Abstain-None,

Absent-Roger Kennedy

C. Non-Profits Organization: YES Organization

Christy Whitaker Introduced YES in Motion, a non-profit organization for youth of the community. The program designed for boys 10-13 years of age request use of football fields for flag football program. The program would run 10 weeks the first of New Year with practice on weekday afternoon and games played on Saturday. Games would take place after PARD football league completed their games on Saturdays. Board agreed to review dates and schedules and notify the organization within two weeks. Whitaker thanked board for time and consideration of request.

Other business brought before the Board:

VI. Reports

A. Park Manager's Report: Stevens

Stevens announced Tangipahoa Parish has cleared drainage canal on north side of PARD. He also addressed non-profit facility usage and the high demand for rentals in current months. Board will consider discount rate rather than no charge for non-profits organization and maintain cost neutral to PARD. Stevens identified other recreation board practices for non-profits, and government entities. Board expressed their concern for youth activities of the district to take priority over non-profits. No rule at this time, board will revisit first of next year. Board discussed placement of adult out-door equipment inside the park.

B. Sports Coordinator Report: None

C. Chairman Remarks: Eldrid Palmer

Palmer address proposed PARD fishing rodeo for spring of 2019. Stevens will consult with Ken Rust, LA Management Pond Management on scheduling date for next spring.

Public Comments: NONE

Adjournment: There was a motion by Greg Fletcher and seconded by Terry Byers to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Eldrid Palmer, Jr., Chairperson

Charlotte Martin, Secretary