Jackson Parish Recreation District Board Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2024

Jonesboro, Louisiana

A budget hearing for the Jackson Parish Recreation District was held on Monday, November 18, 2024 at 5:30pm followed by the regular monthly meeting at 6:00pm in the Jackson Parish Recreation Building. Members Present: Mr. Brent Barnett, Mr. Ricky Cash, Mr. Jeff Hairston, Mr. Robert Hunter, Mr. Brandon Lamkin, Mr. Rodney Potts, and Mr. Chris Womack.

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

Mr. Cash opened floor for the 2025 budget public hearing.

Mr. Cash closed the public budget hearing with no public comments.

Mr. Cash opened the floor for public comments. Wendy Schutte, Director of NBHA LA02, talked to the board about the pavilion and the National Barrel Horse Association.

Motion Mr. Potts seconded Mr. Womack to amend the 2024 budget. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Barnett seconded Mr. Potts to adopt the 2025 budget. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Womack seconded Mr. Barnett to approve October minutes and financials. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Potts seconded Mr. Barnett to set 2025 board meetings for every 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00pm excluding holidays. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Potts seconded Mr. Barnett to declare Ruston Daily Leader as the official journal for 2025. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Barnett seconded Mr. Potts to approve resolution to retain the Law Office of Steven M. Gatlin, L.L.C. for 2025. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Potts seconded Mr. Barnett to approve $1/hour pay raise for Susan Calhoun and Martin Rollinson and $2/hour pay raise for Michael Robinson starting January 1, 2025. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith gave board update on some of the ongoing programs at the sports complex including basketball and cheerleading. Practice will start in December and games will start January 4th.

Mr. Smith will start taking applications for maintenance worker position.

Motion Mr. Potts seconded Mr. Lamkin to table greens mower and continue with lease until further notice. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Barnett seconded Mr. Potts with a roll call vote of 5 yeas and 2 nays to make Mr. Smith interim director and accept applications for new director until December 20th. Motion carried.

Mr. Cash appointed Mr. Barnett to the personnel committee.

The board discussed qualifications for director position.

Next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2025 at 6:00p.m. in the Jackson Parish Recreation Building.

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