

Jackson Parish Recreation District Board Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2021
Jonesboro, Louisiana

The Jackson Parish Recreation District met in regular session on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 6:00pm in the Jackson Parish Recreation District Meeting Room of the Jackson Parish Recreation Building in Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members Present: Mr. Brent Barnett, Mr. Ricky Cash, Mr. Jeff Hairston, Mr. Brandon Lamkin, Mr. Rodney Potts, Mr. Sullivan Stevens and Mr. Chris Womack. Also present, Mr. Steven Gatlin.

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

Mr. Barnett opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Stewart Toms asked the board to reconsider the increase in membership dues at the golf course. Mr. Jimmy Robinson talked to the board about grants for additional nine holes and fixing the spillway at the golf course. Mr. Robert Hunter, Mr. Darenta Gilbert and Mr. Jack Williams discussed complaints that were made to the board about their kickball tournaments and plans to continue the tournaments at the sports complex.

Motion Mr. Barnett seconded Mr. Potts to table the increase in membership dues at the golf course until August 1st so the board can review financial planning, economic impact and possibly increase over a period of time instead of all at once. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Womack seconded Mr. Cash to approve minutes and financials (May). All in favor. Motion carried.

Mrs. Jennifer Hawkins, CPA, discussed the 2020 Audit Report.

Mr. Ben Ledbetter talked to the board about renewing contract for advertising in his online newspaper, Jackson Parish Journal.

Motion Mr. Womack seconded Mr. Potts to renew contract with the Jackson Parish Journal for 1 year at the cost of \$146/month or \$1752/year. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Paul Riley, engineer, gave board update on the bids on the golf course cart shed and recommended the board reject all bids because of cost and consider rebidding at the end of the year or early next year.

Motion Mr. Barnett seconded Mr. Cash to reject all bids for the golf course cart shed until further notice. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Barnett seconded Mr. Cash to move forward with the site prep portion for the golf course cart shed to include installation and/or removal of existing ground work to get it set for concrete. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Tommy Smith gave board update on some of the ongoing programs at the sports complex including archery tournament and baseball/softball.

Ms. Rebecca Williams gave board update on the golf course including memberships, cart stalls, tournaments, banquet rental and fishing.

Mr. Smith talked to the board about the Pledge 10 grant received from Jonesboro State Bank in the amount of \$5500 to go towards the purchase of a gazebo at the golf course. He will research and get quotes for gazebos for next meeting.

Motion Mr. Potts seconded Mr. Cash to table kayak rental at the golf course for further research. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Potts seconded Mr. Barnett to table land purchase at the golf course pending surveying information from Riley Company. All in favor. Motion carried.

Under old business, Mr. Hairston asked about the status of the pavilion. Mr. Potts informed him that it might not happen through the State.

Next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 19, 2021 at 6:00p.m. in the Jackson Parish Golf Course Banquet Room.

Motion Mr. Potts seconded Mr. Cash to adjourn meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.