Jackson Parish Recreation District Board Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2023

Jonesboro, Louisiana

The Jackson Parish Recreation District met in regular session on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 6:00pm in the Jackson Parish Recreation Building in Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members Present: Mr. Ricky Cash, Mr. Jeff Hairston,

Mr. Brandon Lamkin and Mr. Rodney Potts. Absent: Mr. Brent Barnett, Mr. Sullivan Stevens and Mr. Chris Womack.

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

Mr. Cash opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Gary Joynor informed the board that he has seen people bank fishing between the spillway, fishing pier, on the bank and levy on Chatham Lake after improvements and upgrades. He said this is something he has never seen in the 30 years of him driving back and forth to Monroe.

Assistant Chief Warren Johnson of the Jonesboro Police Department talked to the board on behalf of Mayor James Harris and the Town of Jonesboro about a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for upgrades to the Jonesboro Boys and Girls Club located at the McDonald’s Recreation Center. Tommy will meet with Mayor Harris and get more details and go through the process of what needs to take place so he’s prepared for the next meeting if he wants to present it to the board.

Motion Mr. Hairston seconded Mr. Lamkin to approve minutes (February). All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Lamkin seconded Mr. Potts to approve financials (December/January). All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Potts seconded Mr. Lamkin to adopt Resolution for the Issuance on Limited Tax Bonds with a roll call vote of 4 yeas and 3 absent. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hairston seconded Mr. Lamkin to authorize Mr. Ricky Cash as board president to sign Engagement Letter. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Lamkin seconded Mr. Hairston to authorize Mrs. Jacqueline Blankenship as secretary to sign Commitment Letter. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Gary Joynor representing the Town of Chatham on behalf of the Jackson Parish Watershed District, explained the work A-1 Honey Do’s will do on the pier area in the amount not to exceed $9200. They will tear out old handrails and seawall around the fishing dock and haul off all old materials. They will install new seawall, 8ft post to make handrails go all the way around to the other side of the parking lot. They will also add a flower bed and SP2 rock in the parking area.

Motion Mr. Hairston seconded Mr. Potts to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Town of Chatham for the Chatham Lake Project in the amount of $10,000. All in favor. Motion carried.

Also included in the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement is for CCR’s to pressure wash and clean long fishing pier, picnic area 1 and picnic area 2 in the amount of $300 and reapply water seal to long fishing pier, water seal provided by the Watershed District, in the amount of $350, for a total of $650. The remaining balance will be used for the purchase of flowers and Mr. Joyner will donate his time to plant them.

Mr. Smith gave board update on some of the ongoing programs at the sports complex including archery/shooting range and baseball/softball/t-ball.

Ms. Rebecca Williams gave the board an update on the golf course including membership, banquet rentals and tournaments.

Under old business, Mr. Lamkin discussed the process of the PO system.

Under new business, Mr. Potts discussed changing the process for distributing funds to the municipalities.

Next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 17, 2023 at 6:00p.m. in the Jackson Parish Recreation District Building.

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