

Jackson Parish Recreation District Board Meeting Minutes  
March 16, 2020  
Jackson Parish Recreation Building, Jonesboro, Louisiana

The Jackson Parish Recreation District met in regular session on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 12:00 noon 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. Brandon Lamkin, Mr. Rodney Potts, Mr. Michael Simonelli and Mr. Chris Womack. Absent: Mr. Ronald Washington.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Barnett. The invocation was given by Mr. Cash and Mr. Simonelli led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Barnett opened floor for public comments.

Mrs. Devine complimented the facility and talked about the positive aspects of having the Jackson Parish Riding & Livestock Pavilion, leaving the golf course at nine holes and investing the money into the ballpark. Mr. Waggoner discussed his concerns about losing money set aside for the pavilion to another project if it's not started soon. He stated that there are a lot of people that he has talked to that's in favor of the pavilion and how it would be beneficial to Jackson Parish and the local economy. Mr. Barnett and Mr. Potts gave an update on the status of the pavilion. Mr. Tolar asked about the cost of the renovation for the golf course. Mr. Barnett explained the purpose of the golf course committee and stated that the committee has not presented a formal presentation of the architectural plans for the golf course to the board and once they finish their research it will be presented. Mr. Barnett moved on to the next item on the agenda.

Motion Mr. Potts seconded Mr. Cash to approve minutes and financials for February. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Paul Riley, engineer, gave board update on some of the ongoing projects including the LWCF grant for the Jackson Parish Riding & Livestock Pavilion which he informed the board that the Jackson Parish Recreation District is not eligible for the grant this year but will be eligible next year and he also discussed the back concession building project.

Motion Mr. Womack seconded Mr. Potts to hire Riley Company of Louisiana, Inc. to start the process for the back concession building project. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith gave board update on some of the ongoing programs at the sports complex including baseball/softball and a letter received from Little League stating no organized activities until April 6<sup>th</sup>. He also informed the board that GeoSurfaces will be replacing the pitching zones on fields 1-4 and removing the dirt off the mound on field 5 and adding concrete and turf.

The board discussed a letter received from Mr. Talton Barron asking for the opportunity to provide concessions for the 2020 Baseball/Softball season.

Motion Mr. Barnett seconded Mr. Simonelli to continue using concessions provided by the Jackson Parish Recreation District with no outside services. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ms. Rebecca Williams gave board update on the golf course including membership and whether to cancel banquet rental events. The board agreed to follow orders given by the Governor's office until April 15<sup>th</sup> and the events can be refunded or rescheduled.

Mr. Simonelli presented preliminary drawings for the expansion of field #7 and discussed plans for turning the field into a high school field due to the increase in use by local high schools and other high schools outside of the parish. He asked the board to consider moving forward with these plans.

Next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2020 at 12:00 noon.

Mr. Simonelli announced this meeting as his last meeting as a board member and addressed the board and talked about his time as a board member.

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