

The Livingston Parish Recreation District 2 met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, in Watson, La. at 6 pm at the Administrative Office (Live Oak Sportsplex) located at 36965 Louisiana Highway 16, Watson, La.

Present- J. Hood, T.McRae, B.J.Guerin, A.Curtis, B.J.Clark

Absent: Chris Prescott, Vicki Brown

Guests/Public: Eric Hood

Meeting called to order by Vice Chairman Tracy McRae.

Pledge of allegiance was given and prayer led by Administrative Secretary.

Motion to adopt the minutes as mailed for the December 11, 2024, meeting with no public comment, by B.J. Guerin seconded by B. J. Clark Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-Chris Prescott, Vicki Brown

Under public input there were none, so Vice Chairman proceeded to the next agenda item.

Director, Mike Hansen, presented the Director's report for January.

*He reported that basketball leagues are up and running. He noted that Pards is assisting with use of some gyms for the past two weekends.

He explained the local school use limitations in Live Oak since in the past two years there were other leagues participating in the space as well as the repairs being made to the Jr. High space.

*He reported that registration has opened on 1-6-25 for the soccer, baseball, and softball seasons.

*He is looking at cost savings procedures and ideas for projects in 2025. Board recommended to secure pricing from multiple vendors in order to make a decision.

*He reported on maintenance projects underway (leak in the concession building was repaired; playground equipment repaired; and storage areas addressed).

*He noted that tournament season will begin in mid-February.

*He stated that only a few checks remain unclaimed for the overtime compensation project.

Motion to send all funds regarding past employee compensation by name to the Louisiana Department of Revenue Unclaimed Property Section with no public comment by B.J. Guerin seconded by A.Curtis Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-Chris Prescott, Vicki Brown

Director noted that interviews for a concession Manager will begin next week.

*He is also meeting with Rec One website representatives soon.

*He reported that the Tourism Board (Play Easy) program was updated for the District to promote Recreation District 2 facilities.

*He noted a work incident was filed from a fall by staff member in the office.

*He updated info on one quote from a vendor on the track overlay project totaling \$225,000. Board discussed and directed Manager to secure three quotes for simple asphalt overlay, striping-painting, and timing of completion factors as new specifications for further board consideration.

Administrative Secretary presented the financial report with the board for the December, 2024, period of operations as compared to budget with January bills.

Motion to accept the financial report of December and pay the bills as presented for the January period with no public comment by B.J. Clark seconded by J.Hood
Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-Chris Prescott, Vicki Brown

There was no Chairman's report.

There were no committee reports.

Under board comments, various board members shared their view on proceeding with negotiating with the adjacent property owners for the potential purchase of five acres.

Motion to direct and authorize Chairman to contact the owner for the potential purchase of adjacent property (previously discussed) through negotiation for a final decision consideration by full board with no public comment by B.J.Guerin seconded by J.Hood Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-Chris Prescott, Vicki Brown

B.J.Guerin recapped public comments requesting pickle ball court facilities and she noted how the bathrooms appearance is so improved along with trash control. April Curtis requested for Manager to pursue electronic gates and playground attention.

Jimmy Hood noted that February would be his last meeting on the board and how it has been a pleasure to serve these many years.

Motion to adjourn the meeting with no public comment by J.Hood seconded by A.Curtis Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-Chris Prescott, Vicki Brown



Randall Smith - Administrative Secretary

Next public meeting on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 6 pm