

The Livingston Parish Recreation District 2 met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, in Watson, La. at 6 pm at the Administrative Office (Live Oak Sportsplex) located at 36965 Louisiana Highway 16, Watson, La.

Present- C.Prescott, T.McRae, B.J.Guerin, V.Brown

Absent: Jimmy Hood, B.J.Clark, April Curtis

Guests/Public: Chase Groger, Susan Nesom, Taylor Lott

Staff member Libby Burns

Meeting called to order by Chairman Chris Prescott.

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

Motion to adopt the minutes as mailed for the September 18, 2024, meeting with no public comment, by T.McRae, seconded by B.J.Guerin Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-Jimmy Hood, B.J.Clark, April Curtis

Under public comments, Mr. Chase Groger asked if line painting for the parking lot is on the maintenance list of projects. Chairman responded on the plan for early 2025 with various items on the list. Mr. Groger also requested information regarding (a) if any maintenance positions were filled for bathroom improvement, (b) specific placement of fall ball area for upcoming season, and (c) noted that the soccer trophy sizes were small compared to past year. Tracy McRae responded noting that a new hire was made for maintenance support and that the new bathroom project with flooring and renovations was recently completed. Susan Nesom requested information leading to improved signage where the office is located for park visitors. Board discussed this item.

Libby Burns presented the Director's report to the board for October.

B.J.Guerin commented that painted lines will be on the track surface project. She also noted that many visitors are cross parking causing problems (regarding the painting of parking lines in the future). Board fielded questions on several report items.

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

Motion to accept the financial report of September and pay the bills as presented for the October period with no public comment by C.Prescott seconded by T.McRae Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-J.Hood, B.J.Clark, A.Curtis

Chairman reported that an appraisal is needed to secure current valuations on the three portions of land (29.5 acres plus 5 acres) near Fore Road. Board consensus directed Chairman to secure the appraisal which should be available in weeks as per the appraisal firm's response. Several public citizens questioned if work on the replacement property would be immediate. Tracy McRae responded on the timing of such planned work and future expansion plans as well noting that a public survey of needs will be hopefully made in 2025.

Chairman discussed the need for the old property portions previously discussed to be officially declared as surplus as per Legal Counsel's opinion.

Motion to declare the 29.5 acre land plus the 5 acre land owned by the District (Fore Road area) as surplus property with no public comment by V.Brown seconded by B.J.Guerin Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-J.Hood, B.J.Clark, A.Curtis

Chairman gave a report on the overtime compensation solution by the Legal Counsel for this previous discussed issue.

Motion to advertise for sealed bids for the sale of the acreage declared as surplus property (approximately 29.5 plus 5 acres) contingent upon the review by legal counsel and wording of specifications to be advertised with bids to be received by 6 pm November 6, 2024, with no public comments by T.McRae seconded by V.Brown Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-J.Hood, B.J.Clark, A.Curtis

There were no committee reports given, but an action option for consideration by the Personnel Committee will be discussed in executive session at the conclusion of this meeting.

There were no further board comments.

There was no old business for discussion.

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss Personnel Committee matters with no public comment by T.McRae seconded by B.J.Guerin Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-J.Hood, B.J.Clark, A.Curtis

Motion to return to regular session noting that no decisions were made in executive session with no public comment by B.J.Guerin seconded by V.Brown Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-J.Hood, B.J.Clark, A.Curtis

Personnel Committee made a proposal for the compensation package for the Director. Board discussed.

Motion to adopt a new compensation rate for the Director at \$75,000 per year effective this payroll period beginning 10-7-24 as recommended by the Personnel Committee proposal with no public comment by B.J.Guerin seconded by C.Prescott Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-J.Hood, B.J.Clark, A.Curtis

Motion to adjourn the meeting with no public comment by V.Brown seconded by T.McRae Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-J.Hood, B.J.Clark, A.Curtis



Randall Smith - Administrative Secretary

Next public meeting on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 6 pm