

**Recreation District #1
Board of Commissioners Meeting
June 15, 2022**

Board present: Nixon Adams
Rick Danielson
Shearn Lemoine
John Neill

Board absent: Majure Savell
William Matthews
deShea Richardson

Staff present: Margie Lewis – Executive Director
Doug McLemore – Assistant Director
Cindy Jackson – Business Manager
Louisette Scott – Environmental Education

Visitors: Grant Schlueter – Foley & Judell, LLP
Retiring Employees
Harrison LaGrange and wife, Dawn
David Bonicard and partner, Dana

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman N. Adams at 6:30pm. Executive Director, Margie Lewis, called the roll. Four board members were present, with Majure Savell, William Matthews and deShea Richardson being absent. There was a quorum.

Welcome visitors:

Executive Director Lewis introduced and thanked the retiring employees recognizing them for their hard work and dedication to the District and the residents it serves. J. Neill and remaining board members also offered their personal thank you to both for their fine job over the years.

Open agenda to proposed new items:

Chairman N. Adams asked if there was anyone wanting to open the agenda for new items.

R. Danielson motioned to add a Report in Brief requesting an exception to the Castine Center cancellation policy. Seconded by S. Lemoine. Vote 4-0. Motion passes and the agenda item was added.

Approval of the Previous Month's Minutes.

There are no changes to the previous month's minutes. Motioned by R. Danielson to accept the minutes with no changes, seconded by J. Neill. Vote 4-0. Motion passes.

Financials:

N. Adams stated that the salary structure which was changed at a previous board meeting, should be within budget. Recent funds have been received from the insurance company for Ida's damage, LA Tourism for Bidy Tournament, Cleco retainer and St. Tammany Funds.

- N. Adams reviewed the bank statements and all of the balances are accurate with no discrepancies.
- M. Savell was absent. His review will be made at the next Board meeting.

Motion by S. Lemoine to accept the financials as presented. Second by R. Danielson. Vote 4-0. Motion passes.

Resolutions/Announcements:

- Grant Schlueter with Foley and Judell, LLP discussed the July 20, 2022 resolution to be voted to call an election on December 10, 2022 to renew the .7 mil currently levied.
- He states that an announcement tonight needs to be made to have the option to an election be voted at the next monthly Board meeting. Mr. Schlueter stated that the announcement should be read and recorded in the meeting minutes.
- Chairman Adams read the following:
Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Pelican Park/Castine Center Conference Room, 63350 Pelican Drive, Mandeville, Louisiana, the Board of Commissioners of Recreation District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in Recreation District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds.

Reports in Brief:**Selection of the District's Official Journal (Tan):**

- Per Louisiana law, the Board shall select at their first meeting in June of each year for a term of one year a newspaper as their official journal.
- Discussion. Motion by J. Neill to select *The St. Tammany Farmer* as official journal. Second by S. Lemoine. Vote 4-0. Motion passes.

Authorization to seek bid for damaged bleachers (White):

- Hurricane Ida damaged four sets of bleachers at the Gold Field. Estimated cost is over \$120,000. Board approval needed to purchase.
- FEMA will pay 90% of the cost and has promised a check in the amount of \$108,000 at the end of the month.
- Discussion. Motion by R. Danielson to obtain sealed bids based on getting the FEMA payment. Second by J. Neill. Vote 4-0. Motion passes.

Request for Exception to the Castine Center Cancellation Policy (White):

- Discussion. Motion by J. Neill to allow a one-time exception to client to move their event without loss of deposit. Second by S. Lemoine. Vote 4-0. Motion passes.

Updates:

- **Castine Center Renovations and Office Expansion Job**
Executive Director Lewis updated the Board regarding the construction project. The supply chain has limited installing the main air conditioner for the office and installing most doors and door frames.
- **Castine Center Air Conditioner Controllers**
Installation is almost complete. A new cost of networking the controllers may add \$2,000 to the cost. Update next month.

Division Reports:

- **Parks**- (Report included in official minutes on green paper)
- **Recreation**- (Report included in official minutes on blue paper)
- **Castine Center**- (Report included in official minutes on pink paper)
- **Environmental Education**- (Report included in official minutes on yellow paper) The Nature Explorers Summer Camp has 23 kids enrolled the first week and 19 kids this week. Iris plants were planted this week within the Park. Purple Martins have nested in the Groves houses and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries were here and tagged the baby birds

New Business

Old Business

- **SEEP:** Work has stopped until light fixtures from China have been received.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:10 pm by J. Neill. Second by S. Lemoine. Vote 4-0 in favor. Meeting Adjourned