

**Recreation District #1 Board of Commissioners  
June Board Meeting  
Castine Center Conference Rooms  
Wednesday, June 28, 2017  
6:30PM**

**Board Present:** Nixon Adams  
Rick Danielson  
Bill Matthews  
Todd Richard

**Board Absent:** Majure Savell  
Daniel Seiden

Board Member Emeritus, Tony Oramous - Absent

**Staff Present:** Kia Knight - Assistant Director  
Cindy Jackson - Business Manager (partial stay)  
Erika Lehrmann - Recreation Supervisor (partial stay)

**Visitors:** Sarah Yrle - LaPorte  
Bryan Huvall - Laporte

**May Minutes**

Motion to Approve May minutes by Bill. Second by Todd. 5-0 favor

**Request for consideration/priority treatment for coaches during registration**

Guest, Justino Vasquez not in attendance. Skipped item.

**Introduction of new Recreation Supervisor, Erika Lehrmann.**

Erika left immediately following her introduction.

### **Presentation of the 2016 audit report by LaPorte**

Presentation of audit by LaPorte staff, Sarah Yrle and Brian Huvall.

Discussion about the liability of our pension plan. Board asked that staff send a report of all retirement plans in the state and where they stand.

### **Presentation of 2016 agreed upon procedures by LaPorte**

Discussion of the Agreed Upon Procedures

Rick moved to accept the audit. 2nd by Todd 5-0 in favor

### **Financials**

Nixon reported that there is no shortage in our tax revenue.

Cindy gave her report on the transfer of the 1 million dollars from LAMP to Whitney. Bill expressed his displeasure at staff taking liberties when it should have been authorized by the board per her report. Cindy updated the board on the bank transition.

Nixon stated he reviewed the bank statements. Bill stated he had reviewed this month credit card and had no issues. Motion by Bill to accept the financials. 2nd by Rick. 5-0 in favor

### **Recap of Castine roof bids and situation**

Kia recapped the opening of the roof bids and the outcome.

### **RIB to modify vacation for wage roll**

Discussion of the report in brief about the Park's vacation policy. Todd said he'd like to meet outside of the meeting to discuss our benefits.

Motion by Todd to have a committee meet about the Park's benefits. 2nd by Bill. 5-0 in favor. Todd and Jeff will be the committee.

### **RIBs to renew cooperative endeavors with MHS, LHS and FHS Project Graduations**

Discussion about the requests to enter into a 2018 Cooperative Endeavor with the high school Project Graduations. Motion by Rick to approve

Fontainebleau, Mandeville and Lakeshores Cooperative Endeavor. 2nd by Jeff. 5-0 in favor

### **Donation from Chevron to Friends**

Staff recapped the Chevron donation to Friends of Pelican Park

### **CLECO agreement payment**

Recap of CLECO's payment having been received.

### **RIB LED lights for the Castine Center main arena**

Discussion of the LED replacement lights in the Castine Center. Motion to accept the proposal of \$31,500.00 to replace Castine Center lights with dimmable LED lights and transferring \$13,070.00 from Capital

Replacement to the FCP LED Conversion Account. Motion by Todd, 2nd by Rick. 5-0 in favor.

Rick asked about a rumor he heard that the Park had teamed up with some group called Bayou something for football. I said that we had not.

Discussion about the Drew Brees Summer Flag Football Program being held at Coquille.

### **House Bill 470**

Rick updated the Board about House Bill 470 and that it had passed.

### **Recap from Strategic Planning process**

**Demographic Study**-Rick updated the board on the demographic study.

Ed Bee will attend the July Strategic planning meeting. Shows some growth, but not a lot. Some areas outside of our district that will see growth that we might see added to our district. Nixon stated we will need to address senior growth. Ad Valorem is anticipated to increase more than growth.

Discussion about talk to bring all the recreation districts together.

**State Parks**-Rick updated the Board about the meeting with State Parks. The State is aware of the Park's strategic planning for the 80 acres and that the District is interested in buying the property out right. The next step would be to issue a letter of intent. Next month, the Board would be asked to move forward with the next steps of getting surveys, etc.

**Northlake Nature Center**-Rick recapped the meeting with Larry Birch with the Northlake Nature Center and partnering with them if the District assumes the lease from the Parish. Next step is to call Kelly with the Parish to update her about the meeting with Larry.

**Parish proposed land exchange**-Rick said the letter of intent from the Parish on the property swap will go back and forth for a bit on wording.

Rick said an appraiser will be contacted on the 100 acres we currently have when Kathy is back in town.

Rick said that the Board will discuss the bond issue at the next strategic planning meeting.

Discussion about calls from Kim Chatelain with the Times Picayune regarding House Bill 470. We should watch for an article.

Discussion on whether or not we can take Larry Birch with us to NRPA. Staff to research if the District can pay for Larry.

**No new business**

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With no further business, a motion was made by B. Matthews to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. Seconded by T. Richard. Vote 5-0 in favor.