

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1
19030 Ponchatoula Park Dr.
Ponchatoula, LA 70454
Thursday, March 21, 2019
6:30 p.m.

- I. Call to Order: Eldrid Palmer, Jr., Chairman
The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Eldrid Palmer, Jr. at 6:31 p.m.

Roll Call: Terry Byers (P), Greg Fletcher (P), Roger Kennedy (P), Eldrid Palmer (P),
Ronnie Rocquin (P)

Visitors: M. Becker, Holly & Smith Architects
K Rust, LA Pond Management
T. Smith & M. Lewis, PARD Programs & Events Coordinators
- II. Approval of Minutes: February 21, 2019 Meeting: After reviewing it was motioned by Roger Kennedy and seconded by Terry Byers to approve the minutes of February 21, 2019. Motion passed.
- III. Approval of Financial: February 21-March 20, 2019: After reviewing it was motioned by Ronnie Rocquin and seconded by Gregory Fletcher approving financials. Motion passed.
- IV. Old Business:
 - A. Holly & Smith: Overflow Gym, Mark Becker
Becker requested approval to proceed with bid process for over-flow gym and described bid process and time lines. Greg Fletcher made a motion to proceed with official open bid process. Motion passed.
Roll Call: Ayes-Terry Byers, Greg Fletcher, Roger Kennedy, Eldrid Palmer, Ronnie Rocquin
Nays-None
Abstain-None
Absent-None

Becker indicated the bid period would take approximately 45 days. After the bid period an additional 20-30 days is needed for signing of contracts.
Board requested several changes to include new sound system, floor outlets on center of courts, and adjustable goals. Becker confirm a new sound system; floor outlets; and adjustable goals are included in latest plans.

- B. LA Pond Management: Ken Rust
Rust shared information and suggestions for first PARD Fishing Rodeo planned for Saturday, May 4, 2019. He assured board a fishing rodeo is a great opportunity to record types and size of fish in the pond while offering the community opportunity to enjoy recreation fishing at PARD. Rust noted the PARD 3-area pond under management should produce good variety of fish including bluegill, bass, perch and catfish. He stressed fishing the pond at this time is environmentally good and allows the younger fish opportunity to grow. Stevens will coordinate the event and hope people will come and enjoy the resources available.

- V. New Business:

- A. PHS Basketball: Palmer

- Board discussed the use of PARD gym for PHS summer basketball. Smith explained PHS was notified at beginning of the year that PARD had planned a Summer Volleyball League for May - July. Fletcher discussed the possibility of both sports using the gym for summer. Lewis reported Volleyball games are scheduled for Tuesday nights and Saturdays. Smith noted Volleyball League was moved to summer due to parents request for more summer programs. No further action taken at this time

Other business brought before the Board: None

- VI. Reports

- A. Park Manager's Report: Stevens

- Stevens confirmed Rust's recommendation that the pond is ready for fishing rodeo. Species reported caught from pond include, white perch, brim, striped bass, and catfish. Stevens will survey pond and deck area to determine number of participants the pond can safely accommodate. The rodeo will be approximately 4 hours from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon with three age divisions. Drawing will be held for prizes, refreshments served and educational information for youth. Stevens thanked Rust for his help and support in planning this first-time event. Other park project includes the completion of brick fence and sponsors signs damaged by wind storm. Stevens said the normal summer time activities are underway.

- B. Chairman Remarks: Palmer

- Palmer thanked the board for his ten years of service as commissioner and chairman. He expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve the community and the personal growth he experienced. Palmer announced

Marshall Graves as his recommendation to the board of commissioners. His application was submitted to Tangipahoa Parish Council. Palmer than opened nominations for new chairman. Rocquin made the motion to recommend Greg Fletcher to serve as chairman. Motion passed. Greg Fletcher accepted the nomination to serve as Ponchatoula Area Recreation District, Chairman.

Public Comments: NONE

Adjournment: There was a motion by Ronnie Rocquin and seconded by Terry Byers to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Eldrid Palmer, Jr., Chairperson

Charlotte Martin, Secretary