

Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1  
19030 Ponchatoula Park Dr.  
Ponchatoula, LA 70454  
*Thursday, April 24, 2019*  
*6:30 p.m.*

I. Call to Order: Greg Fletcher, Chairman

The regular meeting was called to order by Eldrid Palmer, Jr., at 6:33 p.m.

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

Visitors: Ed Bodker, Albert Poche

Outgoing chairman Eldrid Palmer turned meeting over to newly elected chairman, Greg Fletcher. Fletcher thanked Eldrid for his 10 years of service on board and for his service to the community. Eldrid thanked the board for their support and cooperation during his term. Eldrid introduced new board member, Marshall Graves and Fletcher welcomed Graves to the Board of Commissioners.

II. Approval of Minutes: March 21, 2019 Meeting: After reviewing it was motioned by Terry Byers and seconded by Roger Kennedy to approve the minutes of March 21, 2019. Motion passed.

III. Approval of Financial: March 21-April 17, 2019: After reviewing it was motioned by Terry Byers and seconded by Roger Kennedy approving financials. Motion passed.

IV. Old Business:

A. Holly & Smith: Overflow Gym

Martin reported bids are being advertised and the expected date for sealed bids is May 15, 2019.

B. Cooperative Endeavors

Byers question numbers of years for cooperative endeavors for sport leagues. Board agreed endeavors where changed from 3 year to annual at the suggestion of legal.

V. New Business:

A. Introduction of Resolution-Adopt 10 Mil & 4 Mil Rate

Martin read the millage resolution to adopt the 10 mil and 4 mil rates for 2019.

Fletcher announced the board will act on the resolution at the June meeting

Other business brought before the Board: Pickleball

Pickleball advocates Ed Bodker and Albert Poche request PARD participation in the sport of pickleball. Bodker described the sport and how it lends itself as a wholesome activity for all ages. He stated pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country and is developing rapidly on the north shore. Bodker and Poche ask for PARD to become active in pickleball and they offered to their time to help to promote the sport at PARD. Stevens agreed to meet with sport coordinator and report back.

## VI. Reports

### A. Park Manager's Report: Stevens

Stevens announced the First Annual Youth Fishing Rodeo scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup>. The Youth Fishing Rodeo will consist of 3 age groups: 4 to 7 years, 8 to 11 years and 12-15 years of age. Target fish will be catfish, bass and different species of perch. Lunch will be served, raffle prizes and a first, second, and third place prize in each age division. This event is sponsored by Berryland Insurance & Branch Real Estate. Stevens also reported handicap ramps are complete on football fields.

### B. Program/Event Coordinator

Martin gave Program/Event Coordinator submitted by Tisha Smith. PYBS begins April 1st, PARD Running Program will be on Thursday at 5:50 beginning April 4th, and Youth Volleyball clinics are scheduled for May 21. Lectures and classes include Bee Keeping and Warrior workshop for personal safety. Other activities are Project Graduation, Awards Day for PHS Jr High School, and MMA Fight.

### C. Chairman Remarks:

Look forward to working with board and moving forward with many new projects and activities.

Public Comments: NONE

Adjournment: There was a motion by Terry Byers and seconded by Roger Kennedy to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Greg Fletcher, Chairperson

Charlotte Martin, Secretary