

PONCHATOULA AREA RECREATION DISTRICT #1

CHAIRMAN AND BOARD

The PARD # 1 held a regular meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2017. Rocquin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and the roll was called.

Present: Byers, Fletcher, Palmer, Rocquin

Absent: Kennedy

Guest: Ernie Drake, Brian Martin

Rocquin called for the board to convene in executive session for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel. Fletcher made the motion to convene in executive session. The motion passed and regular meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

The board reconvene in regular session at 6:45 p.m. Fletcher made a motion to accept advice of legal counsel, as discussed in executive session, for Rocquin to act on behalf of the board in the settlement agreement. Byers seconded the motion. All board members present were in favor and the motion passed.

Ronnie Rocquin asked the board to allow Ernie Drake with Drake Drake & Beckler to discuss contract with Premier Fence Company, Inc. Due to several issues the board decided to no longer continue backstop work on baseball fields' services from Premier Fence, LLC. A letter from Drake will end contract for this project. Fletcher made a motion to pay Premier Fence for materials delivered to PARD. Byers seconded the motion and all present were in favor. Rocquin thanked Drake for his time.

After review of the December 15, 2016 regular meeting minutes, Byers made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Fletcher seconded the motion. There being no discussion, all board members present were in favor the motion passed.

After a review of the financial provided by Martin, Fletcher made motion to accept the financial review report. Byers seconded the motion and all board members present were in favor and the motion passed.

Brian Martin, representing the Ponchatoula High School Alumni Band, discussed performing a concert at the annual Firework Show. The concert would consist of a traditional selection of American standards, with approximately 50 band members performing for 30-45 minutes. Band will perform inside the park before the firework show. Martin invited the board to attend the next PHS Alumni Band meeting scheduled for March 16, 2017. Rocquin suggested the Alumni Band meet at the Event Building, March 16 to allow board members to visit the group before the regular scheduled PARD meeting to further discuss plans for the Firework Show.

Stevens reported on the following: Rental of the board conference room. Fletcher suggested to offer a reduced rate and move meeting to the Events Building and limit the conference room to use of park activities and sports programs. Rental of softball complex for a tournament just prior to the opening of baseball season was left up to the park manager. Work on the Event Building is completed. Batting cage vandalized and activity captured on camera and reported to authorities. Additional security fence to deter vandalism. The cost of the additional security fence would cost an estimate of \$13,900. Fletcher made a motion to budget up to \$15,000 for the fence project. Additional quotes will be obtained by Stevens.

Martin reported on the sports program from report provided to her by the Athletic Coordinator. Ponchatoula Basketball Association games were canceled due to weather conditions. Make up games were scheduled for week of January 16. Baseball/Softball registration January 16-March 5, 2017. Per the Dixie Youth Baseball Board of Directors the new cutoff date for 5 year olds is Sept. 1st. Due to the "League Age Transition" approved by the Dixie Youth Baseball Board of Directors there is no T-ball for 4

year old this year. A complete listing of all Age Charts for the 2017 through 2023 seasons are available to view on the Dixie Youth website at youth.dixie.org.

Rocquin discussed proposals for 2017 Firework Show. Bid was obtained from Artesian and two more bids are forthcoming. Date for this year show is July 3, 2017.

Byers made a motion to adjourn. Fletcher seconded the motion. There being no discussion, all board members present were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m

Ronnie Rocquin, Chairman

Charlotte Martin, Secretary