

PONCHATOULA AREA RECREATION DISTRICT #1  
CHAIRMAN AND BOARD

The PARD # 1 held a regular meeting on Thursday, June 23, 2016. Rocquin called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. and the roll was called.

Present: Rocquin, Fletcher, Palmer, Kennedy, Byers

Absent: None

Guest: Chris Johnson, CPA, Phil Hebert,

Rocquin asked to allow guest to move up on the agenda to allow them to leave at their convenience. Johnson, CPA, announced the PARD No. 1 Annual Financial Statements as of Dec. 31, 2015 was complete and ready for the Legislative Auditor. He reviewed the Preliminary Draft of the 2015 Audit with the Board.

After reviewing the May 26, 2016 regular meeting minutes, Fletcher made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Kennedy seconded the motion. There being no discussion, all board members present were in favor and the motion passed.

After a review of the financials, Palmer made a motion to accept the financial review report prepared by Martin. Byers seconded the motion. There being no discussion, all board members present were in favor and the motion passed.

Fletcher gave the technology report. Technology switch are properly working. Two switches have been replaced. iPads will be issued to all Board Members and an official PARD email will be assigned to all board members. Minutes, agendas and official business will be shared by drop box.

Martin read the athletic coordinator report prepared by Tisha Smith. Ponchatoula Youth Baseball/Softball season has ended. Two Sub-District tournaments are scheduled at the park. The Dixie Angels, 9 and 10 year old and Ponytails, 11 and 12 years old Girls Softball State Tournament will be held July 15-

22 at PARD. Ponchatoula Youth Football, Sponsor-Sports camp had a great turn out on June 11 with 78 participants. It is looking to set up a 5 day camp next summer. PHS Lady Waves Basketball Camp had approximately 70 participants in the gym on June 13-16. Art Class for kids, ages 6-9 started June 15<sup>th</sup> with classes held in the events building. PHS Lady Waves Volleyball Camp for ages 6-14 will be July 18-21. The Ponchatoula Jaycees Charity Softball Tournament will be July 30 with all proceeds to benefit Adopt-A-Family Christmas.

Signage for park is complete except for additional signage to be placed on fence to identify the Cypress and Tangi Football fields and one additional sign to list things not allowed. The No Sign will state- No Pets, No Alcohol, No Firearms, No Seafood, No Smoking.

Eldrid request use of the facility in July for a Community Football Camp for Jr. High and High School athletes. A former professional football player will speak on the importance of education on Friday evening and football training will take place Saturday morning. Tentative dates are Friday, July 29 for Junior and High School students and Saturday, July 30 for ages 8-18.

Introduction of Resolution to adopt 10 Mil and 4 Mil rates at the August Board Meeting. The board will act on the resolution, read by Martin, at next month meeting.

Under the chairman report, Rocquin discussed renewal of insurance policy at a saving from the prior year quote. Rocquin discussed issues with semi pro football league and the use of football fields for practice and games. The board agreed it will be at the discretion of the park manager if rental agreement are allow with Semi-Pro Football in the future.

Fletcher reported 2016 Project Graduation for high school graduates was a success and recommended for PARD to continue to work with the program. Rocquin announced that Project Graduation is welcome again next year.

There was discussion of the 2016 Firework Show. Rocquin informed the board the park will close at noon and re-open at 5:00. The park crew will assist in directing traffic and parking. Pavilion II will open at 6:00 with board members reporting to assist by 6:30 p.m. Food will be served by board members. Gate to enter park from Pavilion II will be locked.

Fletcher made a motion to adjourn. Byers seconded the motion. There being no discussion, all board members present were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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Ronnie Rocquin, Chairman

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Charlotte Martin, Executive Secretary