

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1
19030 Ponchatoula Park Dr.
Ponchatoula, LA 70454
Thursday, February 15, 2018
6:30 p.m.

- I. Call to Order: Eldrid Palmer, Jr., Chairman
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eldrid Palmer, Jr. at 6:35 p.m.

- II. Roll Call: Terry Byers **(A)**, Greg Fletcher **(P)**, Roger Kennedy **(P)**, Eldrid Palmer **(P)**,
Ronald Rocquin **(P)**

Visitors: Ernie Drake, Cathy Baker, Jacob Stevens

- III. Approval of Minutes: **January 18, 2018** Meeting: After review it was motioned by
Ronald Rocquin and seconded by Roger Kennedy to approve the minutes of January
18, 2018.

- IV. Approval of Financial: **January 18, to February 14, 2018:** After review it was motioned by
Roger Kennedy and seconded by Ronald Rocquin approving financials. Motion passes.
Roll Call: Ayes- , Greg Fletcher, Roger Kennedy, Eldrid Palmer, Ronald Rocquin
Nays-None, Abstain-None, Absent- Terry Byers

- V. Old Business:
 - a. Basketball: Cathy Baker
Cathy Baker confirmed Ponchatoula Youth Basketball League official play time of 12
minutes per player. Baker informed the board 12 minutes is in line with other local
leagues, with the exception of some with only 6 minutes of play. PYB rule stands
with 12 minutes play time. Baker proposed All Star Basketball games at end of
season. Board agreed to dedicated one weekend to All Star Games with each team
having two representatives in playoff. Stevens noted kids being dropped off at gym
and not picked up after practices and games. Board suggested basketball establish a
rule for coaches to be responsible for player only for a certain amount of time after
the end of practice and games. Sheriff's Department will be notified to pick up kids
unattended by adult after a certain time at the end of the sport activity.

Executive Session: There was a motion by Ronald Rocquin and seconded by Roger Kennedy
for Board to convene in executive session.

An executive session of the Board of Commissioners was convened at 6:49 p.m. on
February 15 for the sole purpose of discussing property issue. Attending Attorney, Ernie

Drake; Jacob Stevens, Eldrid Palmer, Greg Fletcher, Roger Kennedy, Ronald Rocquin.

Palmer called for a vote to continue regular session. Motion by Terry Byers and seconded by Roger Kennedy to return to regular session at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes- Greg Fletcher, Roger Kennedy, Eldrid Palmer, Ronald Rocquin
Nays-None, Abstain-None, Absent-G Terry Byers,

b. Firework Show 2018: Palmer

Palmer discussed with board the use of Artisan Pyrotechnics for the 2018 Firework Show. All members were in favor to contract with Artisan for 2018 Show.

VI. New Business:

a. Gym Facility: Jacob Stevens introduced initial architectural plans by Holly & Smith for an additional gym facility. Preliminary drawing is a separate building connected to existing gym by open breezeway. Space will provide two additional courts and some storage space. Board discussed possible revisions to plans and will bring their recommendations to the March meeting. Stevens agreed to invite a representative from Holly & Smith to attend next board meeting to answer any questions.

b. Other business brought before the Board. NONE

VII. Reports:

a. Athletics' Coordinator: Board reviewed a report by Athletics Coordinator, Tisha Smith, of community projects and programs planned for 2018.

b. Park Manger's Report: Jacob Stevens

Stevens expressed the need to re-mulch front playground with rubber mulch, replace windscreen on baseball fields prior to this year's season, and resurfacing of walking track. He noted possible location for installation of the planned adult fitness area. Board discussed possibility of several location for adult fitness but no decision was made. Stevens reported the problem of scheduling of facility usage by nonprofits interfering with any regular scheduled PARD activities. Suggest was to restrict booking to 3 events per year as stated in cooperative endeavor.

VIII. Chairman Remarks: Eldrid Palmer

Palmer announced to board he attended the Ponchatoula Youth Baseball/Softball Board Meeting.

IX. Public Comments: NONE

Adjournment: There was a motion by Terry Byers and seconded by Ronald Rocquin to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes-, Greg Fletcher, Roger Kennedy, Eldrid Palmer, Ronald Rocquin
Nays-None, Abstain-None, Absent- Terry Byers

Eldrid Palmer, Jr., Chairman

Charlotte Martin, Executive Secretary