

## HAMMOND AREA RECREATION DISTRICT #1

### RECREATION DISTRICT BOARD

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MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
CHAPPAPEELA SPORTS PARK  
19325 HIPARK BOULEVARD  
*Thursday, March 27, 2025*  
*5:00 p.m.*

- I. **Call to Order:** Vice Chairman, Guy Recotta called the meeting to order @ 5:00 pm.
- II. **Board of Directors Roll Call:** Guy Recotta (P), Jeffrey Cooper (A), Duane Shafer (P), Jessica Bennett (P), Robert Williams (P).
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** February 27, 2025: There was a motion by Jessica Bennett and seconded by Duane Schafer approving February 27, 2025 minutes.

**VOTE:** Guy Recotta (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Robert Williams (Y)  
**Motion Approved 4-0**

- IV. **Reports:**
  - A. Director's Report (Ryan Barker)

**Grounds and Facilities:** Finalizing all winter projects that were set. Turf project held up a little but cleaned up the baseball facility. At this time finishing up grassing this will be the end of the winter projects.

**Programs:** Spring programs at Chappapeela are currently in progress. Servicing about 1300 student athletes at the park. Zemurray registration has been extended for 4-8yr. olds. There were very few 9-10yr. old inquiry at Zemurray. Ryan informed the board he spoke with the parents of that age group and the kids will join the 9-10yr. old age group at Chappapeela. There will be a baseball, softball, & tee-ball league at Zemurray starting at fundamental skills.

Advertising for Sports summer camps. Each of the sports we have partnered with local high schools and colleges to assist.

Cheer program will be marching in the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival parade. This program has 73 participants. They also participate at the basketball and football games.

Spring Tackle football strengthen conditioning will take place April 8<sup>th</sup> through May.

#### **Events:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Strawberry Cup of this month will be this weekend. This will be the female Strawberry Cup. This is the largest soccer tournament in Louisiana and Southeast region. Also, there is a small baseball tournament this weekend with 22 teams max. Last week's issue with soccer tournament there was 143 soccer teams and the park was prepared for 120.

Easter Extravaganza this would be the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, from 10am to 1pm.

Play days at CP Mitchell will be scheduled the middle of April. Ryan stated he spoke with the Ready Start Tangipahoa board and the Whittington's about the ELC program. Enrollment time hopeful by August.

Chuck Spangler, of Spangler Engineering informed the board that bids came in very well. Congratulated Bret Gasaway and his team on the bid. Mr. Spangler stated they managed the process well and he was pleased. He asked if the board's Finance committee could meet for a session to review.

- B.** Operating Account Budget Status (Ed Burns) Tax revenue debt service has been funded. The park is looking at 3 to 4 months of reserves. Capital Projects fund is at \$12,133,603.80. There will be a payment in April on the current bond. Accounts Receivables are all current. Collected most of Tax Revenues and think more will be collected. Accounts payable \$160,285.08 Retainage payable \$110,500.00 is on the turf and lightening projects combined.

**Profit & Loss**

Program revenues are up in February \$70,897.82 in January \$25,017.81. Revenue totals in February \$233,180.50 compared to January \$203,417.02. Pilot Revenues \$75,173.33 will collect throughout the year. These are funds collected through Interloc. Expenses are routine but the spending of advertising as the website is being developed. Regular expenses are all routine compared to January.

**Profit & Loss Compared to last year:**

Revenues are up \$258,106.03 combined the biggest portion is interest due to capital project fund sitting. In two months, it collected \$120,355.38 interest. This will begin to go down as the funds are spent. The \$120,355.38 is not available for operational use. The other largest expense is Capital Projects at \$1,855,000.00

Mr. Burns informed the board that if there are any questions please do not hesitate to reach out.

- C.** Financial Committee Report (Guy Recotta) **NONE**

- D.** Executive Committee Report (Guy Recotta) Committee did meet. At this time there is no information to bring to board.

**V. Old Business: NONE**

**VI. New Business:**

- A.** Seeking approval and authorization for Stronger Together Glo Fun Run to serve alcohol at their event on May 2,2025 from 4:30pm-10:00pm. Jenna Vial

There was a motion by Robert Williams and seconded Jessica Bennett approving and authorizing Stronger Together Glo Fun Run to serve alcohol at their event on May 2,2025 from 4:30pm-10:00pm.

**VOTE: Guy Recotta (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Robert Williams (Y)**  
**Motion Approved 4-0**

- B.** Seeking approval and authorization for CCA Banquet to serve alcohol at their event on August 13,2025 from 11:00am-10:30pm. Matt Hough

There was a motion by Robert Williams and seconded by Jessica Bennett approving and authorizing CCA Banquet to serve alcohol at their event on August 13,2025 from 11:00am-10:30pm. Matt Hough

**VOTE: Robert Williams (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Guy Recotta (Y)**  
**Motion Approved 4-0**

- C.** Ratify and award bids received on Gymnasium Annex.

There was a motion by Duane Shafer and seconded by Robert Williams approved the ratifying and awarding of bids received on Gymnasium Annex

**VOTE: Robert Williams (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Guy Recotta (Y)**  
**Motion Approved 4-0**

- D.** Approval of pay App#4 from GeoSurfaces, Inc. in the net amount of \$173,660.00 (Reqn#10) for "Synthetic Field Turf-Fields 7-14"

There was a motion by Duane Shafer and seconded by Jessica Bennett approving payment for App#4 from GeoSurfaces, Inc. in the net amount of \$173,660.00 (Reqn#10) for "Synthetic Field Turf-Fields 7-14"

**VOTE: Robert Williams (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Guy Recotta (Y)**  
**Motion Approved 4-0**

- E. Approval of payment to Simpson Sports Engineering, LLC in the net amount of \$80,000.00 (Reqn#11) for Engineering Services of "Synthetic Field Turf Fields 7-14"

There was a motion by Duane Shafer and seconded by Robert Williams approving payment to Simpson Sports Engineering, LLC in the net amount of \$80,000.00 (Reqn#11) for Engineering Services of "Synthetic Field Turf Fields 7-14"

**VOTE: Guy Recotta (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Robert Williams (Y)**  
**Motion Approved 4-0**

- F. Approval of pay App#2 from Musco Sports Lighting, LLC in the net amount of \$432,939.70 (Reqn#12) for "Lighting of fields 1-4 & 16".

There was a motion by Duane Shafer and seconded by Robert Williams approving payment of App#2 from Musco Sports Lighting, LLC in the net amount of \$432,939.70 (Reqn#12) for "Lighting of fields 1-4 & 16".

**VOTE: Guy Recotta (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Robert Williams (Y)**  
**Motion Approved 4-0**

- G. Authorization to pay Milton Fence for additional fencing to electrical area, reattach lower backstop fence on 8 fields, add strap to each walk gate 8 fields and add new latch in the amount of \$3,550.00

There was a motion by Duane Shafer and seconded by Robert Williams authorizing payment to pay Milton Fence for additional fencing to electrical area, reattach lower backstop fence on 8 fields, add strap to each walk gate 8 fields and add new latch in the amount of \$3,550.00

**VOTE: Robert Williams (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Guy Recotta (Y)**  
**Motion Approved 4-0**

- H. Authorization and approval to pay Milton Fence in the amount of \$30,000.00 to add fence around fields 32 and 33.

There was a motion by Robert Williams and seconded by Jessica Bennett authorizing payment to Milton Fence in the amount of \$30,000.00 to add fence around fields 32 and 33.

**VOTE: Guy Recotta (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Robert Williams (Y)**  
**Motion Approved 4-0**

- I. Approval of paying Pumps, Motors, and Controls in the amount of \$6,866.80 for repairs to irrigation system.

There was a motion by Robert Williams and seconded by Duane Shafer authorizing payment to Pumps, Motors, and Controls in the amount of \$6,866.80 or repairs to irrigation system.

**VOTE: Guy Recotta (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Robert Williams (Y)**  
**Motion Approved 4-0**

- J. Authorization of payment to Chappapeela Park Services in the amount of \$3,900.00 for additional facilities management work to replace overhead net and backup nets fields 9-12.

There was a motion by Duane Shafer and seconded by Robert Williams authorizing payment to Chappapeela Park Services in the amount of \$3,900.00 for additional facilities management work to replace overhead net and backup nets fields 9-12.

**VOTE: Guy Recotta (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Robert Williams (Y)**  
**Motion Approved 4-0**

- K. Authorization of payment to Chappapeela Park Services in the amount of \$3,258.07 for AWR 25.14 Turf/Complex Grand reopening (pads, screens, bases, etc.)

There was a motion by Robert Williams and seconded by Jessica Bennett authorizing payment to Chappapeela Park Services in the amount of \$3,258.07 for AWR 25.14 Turf/Complex Grand reopening (pads, screens, bases, etc.)

**VOTE: Robert Williams (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Guy Recotta (Y)**  
**Motion Approved 4-0**

- L. Authorization of payment to Chappapeela Park Services in the amount of \$5,036.95 for AWR 25.17 for 2 pallets of field paint.

There was a motion by Robert Williams and seconded by Duane Shafer authorizing payment to Chappapeela Park Services in the amount of \$5,036.95 for AWR 25.17 for 2 pallets of field paint.

**VOTE: Robert Williams (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Guy Recotta (Y)**  
**Motion Approved 4-0**

- M. Authorization of payments to Chappapeela Park Services in the amount of \$3,807.23 for AWR 25.18 for Turf Punch list (damages or work not completed by GEO)

There was a motion by Robert Williams and seconded by Duane Shafer authorizing payments to Chappapeela Park Services in the amount of \$3,807.23 for AWR 25.18 for Turf Punch list (damages or work not completed by GEO)

**VOTE: Robert Williams (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Guy Recotta (Y)**  
**Motion Approved 4-0**

- N. Authorization of payment to Chappapeela Park Services in the amount of \$3,807.23 for AWR 25.19 building and insulation of 24 picnic tables.

There was a motion by Robert Williams and seconded by Duane Shafer authorizing payment of Chappapeela Park Services in the amount of \$3,854.87 for AWR 25.19 building and insulation of 24 picnic tables.

**VOTE: Robert Williams (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Guy Recotta (Y)**  
**Motion Approved 4-0**

- O. Authorization of payment to Chappapeela Park Services in the amount of \$3,500.00 for AWR 25.23 Turf management.

There was a motion by Duane Shafer and seconded by Robert Williams authorizing payment to Chappapeela Park Services in the amount of \$3,500.00 for AWR 25.23 Turf management.

**VOTE: Robert Williams (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Guy Recotta (Y)**

**Motion Approved 4-0**

**P. Approval of “Accounts Payable – Operating Account, February 2025:**

There was a motion by Robert Williams and seconded by Jessica Bennett approving “Accounts Payable – Operating Account, February 2025

**VOTE: Robert Williams (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Guy Recotta (Y)**

**Motion Approved 4-0**

**Q. Other business brought before the Board. Meeting set for April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**VII. Public Comments: NONE**

**VIII. Adjournment:** There was a motion by Jessica Bennett seconded by Robert Williams to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor of adjourning.

JEFFREY COOPER, CHAIRMAN  
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