

HAMMOND AREA RECREATION DISTRICT #1

RECREATION DISTRICT BOARD

Jeffrey Cooper, Chairman
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Robert Williams
Jessica Bennett
Duane Shafer

DIRECTOR

Ryan Barker

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Amber Andrews



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

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairman, Jeff Cooper called the meeting to order @ 5:00 pm.
- II. **Board of Directors Roll Call:** Guy Recotta (A), Jeffrey Cooper (P), Duane Shafer (P), Jessica Bennett (P), Robert Williams (A).
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** January 30, 2025: There was a motion by Jessica Bennett and seconded by Duane Schafer approving January 30, 2025 minutes.

VOTE: Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y).
Motion Approved 3-0

IV. **Reports:**

- A. Director's Report (Ryan Barker) **Facilities:** (Turf) GeoSurfaces is applying the crush seashells that acts as a coolant plus weighs down the turf. This weekend we will be the test of the turf. Lights are turned on field 16 and the field will be used on this weekend.

Programs: Registration closed for baseball, tee-ball, and softball at 506 with 20 over. Zemurray tee-ball 4-6 yr. old with 12 registered will extend registration. Tackle football off season conditioning held with North Oaks is at 38 and will continue to grow. Sand Volleyball at 40, Training tots 53, & Soccer 411. All-star weekend will be March 15th, 2025 partnering with Ponchatoula Rec, and Zemurray. This will be all-stars from each site and division and will be held at Chappapeela. Ryan informed they also partnered with SLU Football team for football youth camps.

Finances: \$236,000 more in revenues to be added to operating account.

Chuck Spangler: Gym Annex bids March 20th held at Chappapeela at 10am. Landscaping project on pause until bids come in for gym. Pre-Bid March 5th at 2pm Chappapeela

- B. Operating Account Budget Status (Ed Burns) **ABSENT**
- C. Financial Committee Report (Guy Recotta) Jessica Bennett informed the board spending was up in January normal due to downtime. Items under new business is within the budget. Also there is 4.74 months in the reserve great job to the team. The board will receive a request for an approval from the recommendation to move forward with the facilities contract.
- D. Executive Committee Report (Guy Recotta) **NONE**
- V. **Old Business: NONE**
- VI. **New Business:**
 - A. Seeking Authorization to transfer all remaining funds except for \$200.00 from the Tax Revenue account to the Operating Account in the amount of \$1,346,936.66.

There was a motion by Jeffrey Cooper and seconded Duane Shafer authorizing the transfer of all remaining funds except for \$200.00 from the Tax Revenue account to the Operating Account in the amount of \$1,346,936.66.

VOTE: Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y).
Motion Approved 3-0

- B. Approval of Pay App#2 from GeoSurfaces, Inc. in the net amount of \$1,311,000.00 (Reqn# 9) for "Synthetic Field Turf- Fields 7-14"

There was a motion by Jessica Bennett and seconded by Duane Shafer approving Pay App#2 from GeoSurfaces, Inc. in the net amount of \$1,311,000.00 (Reqn# 9) for "Synthetic Field Turf- Fields 7-14"

VOTE: Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y).
Motion Approved 3-0

- C. Approval of Pay App#3 from GeoSurfaces, Inc. in the net amount of \$460,750.00 (Reqn# 9) for "Synthetic Field Turf- Fields 7-14"

There was a motion by Jessica Bennett and seconded by Duane Shafer approving Pay App#3 from GeoSurfaces, Inc. in the net amount of \$460,750.00 (Reqn# 9) for "Synthetic Field Turf- Fields 7-14"

VOTE: Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y).
Motion Approved 3-0

- D. Authorization and approval to enter into a contract with Chappapeela Park Services for facilities operations management of Chappapeela Sports Park for an annual cost of \$138,000.00.

There was a motion by Jeffrey Cooper and seconded by Duane Shafer authorizing to enter into a contract with Chappapeela Park Services for facilities operations management of Chappapeela Sports Park for an annual cost of \$138,000.00.

VOTE: Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y).
Motion Approved 3-0

- E. Approval to pay Anntoine Marketing in the amount of \$17,400.00 for the building of new HARD#1 website.

There was a motion by Jessica Bennett and seconded by Duane Shafer approving payment to Anntoine Marketing in the amount of \$17,400.00 for the building of new HARD#1 website.

VOTE: Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y).
Motion Approved 3-0

- F. Seeking approval and authorization to pay Guerin Insurance in the amount of \$22,951.67 in 4 installments with first payment being \$6,534.17 and 3 remaining payments each of \$5,472.50 for increase in General Liability Policy based on 2023-2024 General Liability audit due to increased sales from the park.

There was a motion by Jeffrey Cooper and seconded by Duane Shafer authorizing payment to Guerin Insurance in the amount of \$22,951.67 in 4 installments with first payment being \$6,534.17 and 3 remaining payments each of \$5,472.50 for increase in General Liability Policy based on 2023-2024 General Liability audit due to increased sales from the park.

VOTE: Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y).
Motion Approved 3-0

- G. Authorization of payment to Chappapeela Park Services in the amount of \$8,000.00 for the purchase of 2021 Kubota 520 RTV.

There was a motion by Jessica Bennett and seconded by Duane Shafer authorizing payment to Chappapeela Park Services in the amount of \$8,000.00 for the purchase of 2021 Kubota 520 RTV.

VOTE: Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y).

Motion Approved 3-0

- H. Authorization of payment to Chappapeela Park Services in the amount of \$5,300.00 for the purchase of 2009 Kubota 500 RTV.

There was a motion by Duane Shafer and seconded by Jessica Bennett authorizing payment to Chappapeela Park Services in the amount of \$5,300.00 for the purchase of 2009 Kubota 500 RTV.

VOTE: Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y).

Motion Approved 3-0

- I. Authorization of payment to Chappapeela Park Services in the amount of \$5,962.66 for the remodel of Sugar Shack #1 Concession stand.

There was a motion by Jessica Bennett and seconded by Duane Shafer authorizing payment to Chappapeela Park Services in the amount of \$5,962.66 for the remodel of Sugar Shack #1 Concession stand.

VOTE: Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y).

Motion Approved 3-0

- J. Approval of "Accounts Payable – Operating Account, January 2025:

There was a motion by Duane Shafer and seconded by Jessica Bennett approving "Accounts Payable – Operating Account, January 2025

- K. Other business brought before the Board. Meeting set for March 27th, 2025

VII. Public Comments: NONE

- VIII. Adjournment:** There was a motion by Jeffrey Cooper and seconded by Duane Shafer to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor of adjourning.

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