

HAMMOND AREA RECREATION DISTRICT #1

RECREATION DISTRICT BOARD

Jeffery Cooper, Chairman
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DIRECTOR

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Minutes

REGULAR MEETING
CHAPPAPEELA SPORTS PARK
19325 HIPARK BOULEVARD
Thursday, May 22, 2025
5:00 p.m.

- I. **Call to Order: Chairman, Jeffrey Cooper called the meeting to order @ 5:00 pm.**
- II. **Board of Directors Roll Call: Guy Recotta (P), Jeffrey Cooper (P), Duane Shafer (P), Jessica Bennett (A), Robert Williams (P).**
- III. **Approval of Minutes: April 24th 2025: There was a motion by Guy Recotta and seconded by Duane Shafer approving April 24th, 2025 minutes.**

VOTE: Duane Shafer (Y), Robert Williams (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Guy Recotta (Y). Motion Approved 3-0

IV. **Reports:**

- A. **Director's Report (Ryan Barker)** Ryan introduced Grant Stafford. Mr. Stafford will oversee operations at Zemurray/CP Mitchell.

Programs:

Baseball, softball, & tee-ball will be ending on tonight with the Championships. Ryan, congratulated board member Robert Williams on his championship win. Sand volleyball championship match will be held on tonight. Off season tackle football strengthen and conditioning will run until July 1st.

Youth development programs offered at CP Mitchell/Zemurray schedule attached to the back of itinerary passed out to board members.

June 5th every Monday, Thursday, and Saturday gates will open at 10am to 4pm. Mr. Baker informed the board they will partner with the Sheriff office to assist at the park. Back to School Bash at CP Mitchell will be held July 26th. Aaron Mcgee will assist with community outreach in the area.

Zemurray skills camps every Tuesday starting June 17th. Also rotating flag football and soccer partnering with different high schools and Southeastern football team.

Sponsorships

New sponsors CASA at the \$7500 level
Floor & Décor (Covington) \$5000
Walk on Bistro \$3000
Little B Pediatrics Dentistry \$1500

United Rentals \$250
Fox Pest Control \$350

Projects:

The gym is underway and next board meeting he would like to have a ground breaking ceremony. If the board could meet 30 mins early for a picture.

- B. Operating Account Budget Status (Ed Burns) **Operating account** balance for the end of April \$2,306,997.37 its up \$7000 compared to last year. Regions project fund \$11,485,282.24. Regions Ser 2024 debt service fund \$1,054,994.86 & Whitney Debtserv series 2021 \$19,713.85.

Accounts Receivables \$12,000 down almost \$20,000 from last year. All balances are under 60 days.

Accounts payable \$153,952.51 down \$12,060.86 compared to last year.

Retainage payable \$119,640.00 left from the turf

A/R balances are all within 60 days

Profit & Loss

Total April revenues \$175,288.33. Second, revenue sharing \$31,686.00 the district receives three a year the third will come in June. Sponsorships total \$8,300.00 for the month of April. Interest income for the month of April \$50,835.44 primarily in capital project fund only used for capital project needs. Programs, concessions & user fees made up the differences of \$55, 628.00 in April. Total April expenses \$299,116.00, programs \$72,084.00, Admin \$55,066.00, Repairs & maintenance \$103,000.

Profit & Loss Prior year comparison

Total income January – April \$825,245.88. Largest areas of increase **Interest \$210,337.72 & Tax Revenues \$106,116.01.**

Actuals compared to Budget January thru April

33% into the year. Total program at 37%, Admin cost 22.1%, Repair cost 52% this is 19% over, & Operating cost 25.8%.

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

- D. Executive Committee Report (Guy Recotta) **NONE**

- V. **Old Business: NONE**

- VI. **New Business:**

- A. Seeking Approval and authorization to serve alcohol at the Richard Murphy Hospice Gala on September 27, 2025 from 5:00pm- 1:00am.

There was a motion by Duane Shafer and seconded by Robert Williams approving and authorizing the serving of alcohol at the Richard Murphy Hospice Gala on September 27, 2025 from 5:00pm- 1:00am.

VOTE: Duane Shafer (Y), Guy Recotta (Y), Robert Williams (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y) Motion Approved 4-0

B. Approval and authorization to transfer the balance of \$2,280.30 from Regions Series 24 Bond proceeds account to the Regions Series 24 Project Fund.

There was a motion by Guy Recotta and seconded by Duane Shafer approving and authorizing the transfer balance of \$2,280.30 from Regions Series 24 Bond proceeds account to the Regions Series 24 Project Fund.

VOTE: Duane Shafer (Y), Guy Recotta (Y), Robert Williams (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y) Motion Approved 4-0

C. Approval and authorization to pay Northshore Air Conditioning Heating and Electrical in the amount of \$3,500.00 to replace three phase outdoor air-conditioning condensers due to leak in aluminum coil that is unrepairable.

There was a motion by Guy Recotta and seconded by Duane Shafer approving and authorizing payment to Northshore Air Conditioning Heating and Electrical in the amount of \$3,500.00 to replace three phase outdoor air-conditioning condensers due to leak in aluminum coil that is unrepairable.

VOTE: Duane Shafer (Y), Guy Recotta (Y), Robert Williams (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y) Motion Approved 4-0

D. Seeking approval to pay Chappapeela Park Services in the amount of \$6,797.00 for additional work #12 to install new flooring in Olive Branch house.

There was a motion by Guy Recotta and seconded by Duane Shafer approving payment to Chappapeela Park Services in the amount of \$6,797.00 for additional work #12 to install new flooring in Olive Branch house.

VOTE: Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Robert Williams (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y) Motion Approved 4-0

E. Seeking approval and authorization to enter a contract with Will Hammack and Associates for the construction of a 40'X100 metal pavilion at baseball in the amount of \$114,123.00

There was a motion by Guy Recotta and seconded by Duane Shafer authorizing to enter a contract with Will Hammack and Associates for the construction of a 40'X 100 metal pavilion at baseball in the amount of \$114,123.00

VOTE: Duane Shafer (Y), Guy Recotta (Y), Robert Williams (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y) Motion Approved 4-0

F. Approval of Accounts Payable – Operating Account, April 2025

There was a motion by Robert Williams and seconded by Duane Shafer approving Accounts Payable – Operating Account, April 2025.

VOTE: Duane Shafer (Y), Guy Recotta (Y), Robert Williams (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y) Motion Approved 4-0

G. Other business brought before the Board. **Board meeting set for Thursday, June 19th, 2025**

VII. **Public Comments: NONE**

VIII. **Adjournment:** There was a motion by Guy Recotta and seconded by Jeffrey Cooper. All members were in favor of adjourning the meeting.

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