

## HAMMOND AREA RECREATION DISTRICT #1

### RECREATION DISTRICT BOARD

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**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**  
**CHAPPAPEELA SPORTS PARK**  
**19325 HIPARK BOULEVARD**  
**Thursday, August 28, 2025**  
**5:00 p.m.**

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

**VOTE:** Guy Recotta (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Duane Shafer (Y),

IV. **Reports:**

- A. **Director's Report** (Ryan Barker) Mr. Barker informed the board majority of the fall youth programs are closed. Volleyball program registration is currently open. Overall participants (Chappapeela) flag football 340, soccer 433, training tots 65, cheer 80, tackle football 104, chief's baseball 60, & volleyball 80 with registration currently open. Zemurray overall participant's soccer 41, & flag football 12. Mr. Barker informed the board a team walked the neighborhood around Zemurray to pass out information to families. Informing them of the programs that's offered.

**Aspire Basketball Program** (children with disabilities) October 12<sup>th</sup>-Dec. 14, 2025.  
Time will be Sundays' 2pm-3pm

**\*Mr. Robert Williams Jr enters meeting\***

**Volleyball:** June 1<sup>st</sup>-September 12<sup>th</sup> 2025

**Price:** \$70 per player (+ \$10 out of district fee) **Ages:** 5-14

**Tots of Terror** October 24, 2025

**Time:** 4pm – 7pm this will be a fun Halloween themed event for toddlers.

**Gobble and Go 5K/1 Mile Fun Run** November 27<sup>th</sup> 2025

**Time:** 7am-10am. More information will be updated soon.

### **Zemurray Sports**

**Soccer** registration is open now.

**Price:** \$50 per player plus a \$10 out- of district fee

**Ages:** Athletes born 2012-2022

**Flag Football** registration is opened now

**Price:** \$60 per player plus a \$10 out of district fee

**Ages:** 4-11

Ryan provided video of updated projects at the park on the monitor for the board members. Stated the parking lot is in process and the Pavilion construction is huge & beautiful. Mr. Barker informed the board that the 104 athletes enjoyed the game and time they were at the Superdome.

- B. Operating Account Budget Status (Ed Burns)** Mr. Burns reviewed all financial documents.

**Balance Sheet Previous Year Comparison:** Operating account \$1,755, 604.32 end of July up \$121,410.75 compared to last year. Project Fund \$10,774,813.84 & the Debt Service Fund \$1,065,377.56. Tax Receivables favorable compared to last year. The Account Receivables are low \$1,550.00 some over 60 days but there was an invoice issue.

**Profit & Loss** July total income \$104,014.99

Total expenses in July \$624,142.31

#### **Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison**

**Total income** January – July 31<sup>st</sup> 2025- \$1,086,409.60 up \$257,188.82

Concessions, User Fees, program fees, & Sponsorships are up.

Total expenses compared to last year \$291,000.00 areas of increase Insurance and repairs.

**Budget Vs Actual** the District is in good position compared to budget.

- C. Financial Committee Report (Guy Recotta)** Vice Chair, Guy Recotta stated the financial committee did meet but there are no recommendations.

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

- V. Old Business: NONE**

- VI. New Business:**

- A. Ratify and Award bids received 8/19/2025 for “Cont. C – Playgrounds A & B Additions & Improvements” – Chuck Spangler (filling in for Roy Dufreche). **Chuck Spangler, informed the board that the Honey B Construction was the lowest bidder awarded the bid in the amount of \$849,950.00**

**There was a motion by Guy Recotta and seconded by Duane Shafer ratifying and awarding bids received 8/19/2025 for “Cont. C – Playgrounds A & B Additions & Improvements”**

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

- B. Approval of Requisition #24 - \$266,942.47 to Brunt Construction for “Contract B – Gymnasium Annex”.

**There was a motion by Guy Recotta and seconded by Duane Shafer approving Requisition #24 - \$266,942.47 to Brunt Construction for “Contract B – Gymnasium Annex”.**

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

- C. Approval of Requisition #25 - \$45,469.00 to Will Hammack & Associates for “Baseball – 40x100 Metal Pavillion”.

**There was a motion by Guy Recotta and seconded by Duane Shafer approving Requisition #25 - \$45,469.00 to Will Hammack & Associates for “Baseball – 40x100 Metal Pavillion”.**

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

- D. Approval of Requisition #26 - \$16,880.72 to Jim-Toy-5 Contracting for “Contract A – NE Parking & Site Preparation”.

**There was a motion by Guy Recotta and seconded by Robert Williams Jr. approving Requisition #26 - \$16,880.72 to Jim-Toy-5 Contracting for “Contract A – NE Parking & Site Preparation”.**

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

- E. Authorization to enter into RFP with Renasant Bank.

**There was a motion by Duane Shafer and seconded by Robert Williams Jr approving the authorization entering into RFP with Renasant Bank.**

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

- F. Approval to pay Fox Press in the amount of \$4,834.34 for vinyl wrap of trailer.

**There was a motion by Guy Recotta and seconded by Robert Williams Jr approving payment to Fox Press in the amount of \$4,834.34 for vinyl wrap of trailer.**

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

- G. Approval to pay Chappapeela Park Services in the amount of \$5,732.50 for AWR25.39 Verticutting Soccer and football fields.

**There was a motion by Duane Shafer and seconded by Robert Williams Jr approving payment to Chappapeela Park Services in the amount of \$5,732.50 for AWR25.39 Verticutting Soccer and football fields.**

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

- H. Approval to pay Chappapeela Park Services in the amount of \$3,280.00 for AWR25.42 Bush hog, spread soils and ruff grade at Olive Branch.

**There was a motion by Robert Williams Jr and seconded by Duane Shafer approving payment to Chappapeela Park Services in the amount of \$3,280.00 for AWR25.42 Bush hog, spread soils and ruff grade at Olive Branch.**

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

- I. Approval to pay Chappapeela Park Services in the amount of \$3,120.00 for AWR25.40 for sidewalks demo and repair.

**There was a motion by Robert Williams Jr and seconded by Duane Shafer approving payment to Chappapeela Park Services in the amount of \$3,120.00 for AWR25.40 for sidewalks demo and repair.**

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

- J. Approval to pay Green Walk Environmental in the amount of \$16,757.62 for 35 loads of Top-Dressing Sand.

There was a motion by Guy Recotta and seconded by Robert Williams Jr approving payment to Green Walk Environmental in the amount of \$16,757.62 for 35 loads of Top-Dressing Sand.

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

- K. Approval to pay Green Walk Environmental in the amount of \$7,798.12 for 17 loads of Top- Dressing Sand.

There was a motion by Duane Shafer and seconded by Robert Williams Jr approving payment to Green Walk Environmental in the amount of \$7,798.12 for 17 loads of Top- Dressing Sand.

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

- L. Approval to pay Green Walk Environmental in the amount of \$5,566.88 for 12 loads of Top-Dressing Sand.

There was a motion by Duane Shafer and seconded by Robert Williams Jr approving payment to Green Walk Environmental in the amount of \$5,566.88 for 12 loads of Top-Dressing Sand.

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

- M. Approval of "Accounts Payable – Operating Account, July 2025."

There was a motion by Guy Recotta and seconded by Robert Williams Jr approving "Accounts Payable – Operating Account, July 2025."

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

- N. Other business brought before the Board.  
September board meeting is scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 5pm

**VII. Public Comments: NONE**

VIII. Adjournment: There was a motion by Guy Recotta and seconded by Robert Williams Jr adjourning the meeting. All members were in favor of adjourning the meeting.

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Jeff Cooper, CHAIRMAN

*(Name and Position of Authorized Person)*

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