

HAMMOND AREA RECREATION DISTRICT #1

RECREATION DISTRICT BOARD

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MINUTES
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
CHAPPAPEELA SPORTS PARK
19325 HIPARK BOULEVARD
Wednesday, November 19, 2025
5:00 p.m.

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairman, Jeffrey Cooper called the meeting to order at 5pm.
- II. **Board of Directors Roll Call:**
Jeffrey Cooper (P), Guy Recotta (P), Robert Williams Jr. (P), Jessica Bennett (P),
Duane Shafer (P)
- III. **Approval of Minutes: October 23, 2025:** There was a motion by Jessica Bennett and seconded by Robert Williams Jr. approving the minutes of October 23, 2025.

Votes: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Guy Recotta (Y),
Duane Shafer (Y). Approved 5-0

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

Mr. Baker informed the board that most of the CSP Team is at the LRPA Conference in Baton Rouge. HARD#1 is held at a very high status across the parishes. Multiple team members were asked to speak. Mr. Baker informed the board he was invited to a roundtable with the CEO of NRPA. He thanked the team for their great work.

Programs:

This fall has been the largest fall over 74 to 75 baseball teams attending tournaments.

Randy is hosting the 2nd week of the Leadership Academy. The ages consist of 10 to 18 yrs old. There are different service projects in place. On tonight they will place motivational quotes throughout the park, & next week assist with food drive for Thanksgiving. There were 35 applicants, but only 19 attended.

Fall Sports are coming to an end. HARD1 Hurricanes won their Championship at Strawberry Stadium @ SELU. Sports Training Program ongoing with the assistance of North Oaks.

Winter basketball registration is open at Chappapeela (136 registered) & Zemurray Park (58 registered). Goal is to grow Zemurray Park sports programs.

Aspire Basketball Program (Sunday) for children with differentiated disabilities.

Events: Gobble & Go 5K & 1 Mile Run November 27th, 2025, 6:30am to 10:30am

Website will be launched very soon!

Team working on 2026 proposed budget

- B. **Operating Account Budget Status (Ed Burns)** Operating Account -\$104,727.67 end of October about 2months of reserves. October 31, 2025, \$1,056,998.22/ October 31, 2024, \$1,161,725.89.

Capital Projects decreased \$5,223,073.04 compared to last year \$14,482,397.51

Debt Service decreased \$657,229.06 compared to last year \$1,391,825.72.
Debt service payment made in October.

Accounts Receivable decreased 60,612.50 compared to last year \$63,500.00 & October 2025 \$2,887.50.

Tax Revenues Receivables \$11,635.42 which is positive. Accounts Payable, increased \$60,075.32 from October 2024 \$146,973.02 & October 2025 \$207,048.34.

Retainage Payable was not present last year. There are 2 different retainages built into this balance. Gymnasium and the parking lot in the amount of \$110,590.90.

Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison: The month of October 2024 & 2025 the revenue increased by \$8,313.19. October 2024, \$107,967.27 & October 2025, \$116,280.46.

Profit & Loss Year to Date Comparison: Operating revenues increased \$150,347.00. The operating expenses increased \$583,463.00. Insurance cost, repairs & maintenance is part of the increase in the operating expense increase. Administrative cost is less due to the reallocations.

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

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

V. **Old Business: NONE**

VI. **New Business:**

A. Review/Approval of proposed "Master Budget – Series 2024 Bonds – AMENDMENT #3".

There was a motion by Guy Recotta and seconded by Jessica Bennett to **TABLE** Review/Approval of proposed "Master Budget – Series 2024 Bonds – AMENDMENT #3".

Votes: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Guy Recotta (Y), Duane Shafer (Y). **TABLED 5-0**

B. Approval of Requisition #35 - \$7,659.00 (reimbursement) to HARD1 for "Field 5 Conversion."

There was a motion by Guy Recotta and seconded by Robert Williams Jr. approving Requisition #35 - \$7,659.00 (reimbursement) to HARD1 for "Field 5 Conversion."

Votes: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Guy Recotta (Y), Duane Shafer (Y). **APPROVED 5-0**

C. Approval of Requisition #36 - \$797,680.10 to Brunt Construction for "Contract B – Gymnasium Annex".

There was a motion by Jeffrey Cooper and seconded by Duane Shafer approving Requisition #36 - \$797,680.10 to Brunt Construction for "Contract B – Gymnasium Annex".

Votes: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Guy Recotta (Y), Duane Shafer (Y). **APPROVED 5-0**

D. Approval of Requisition #37 - \$33,794.39 to Jim-Toy-5 Contracting for "Contract A – NE Parking & Site Preparation"

There was a motion by Robert Williams Jr. and seconded by Duane Shafer approving Requisition #37 - \$33,794.39 to Jim-Toy-5 Contracting for "Contract A – NE Parking & Site Preparation."

Votes: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Guy Recotta (Y), Duane Shafer (Y). **APPROVED 5-0**

- E. Approval of Requisition #38 - \$20,257.97 to GGB Architects/Spangler Engineering – Inv. 25-136.

There was a motion by Guy Recotta and seconded by Duane Shafer approving Requisition #38 - \$20,257.97 to GGB Architects/Spangler Engineering – Inv. 25-136.

Votes: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Guy Recotta (Y), Duane Shafer (Y). **APPROVED 5-0**

- F. Approval of Requisition #39 - \$4,002.50 to K&L Testing (Inv. 19638/19705) for testing/QA/QC on “NE Parking & Site Preparation”

There was a motion by Robert Williams Jr. and seconded by Jessica Bennett approving Requisition #39 - \$4,002.50 to K&L Testing (Inv. 19638/19705) for testing/QA/QC on “NE Parking & Site Preparation.

Votes: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Guy Recotta (Y), Duane Shafer (Y). **APPROVED 5-0**

- G. Approval and authorization to pay Supreme Fencing in the amount of \$3,100.00 for fencing at Baseball entrance.

There was a motion by Duane Shafer and seconded by Jessica Bennett approving and authorizing pay to Supreme Fencing in the amount of \$3,100.00 for fencing at Baseball entrance.

Votes: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Guy Recotta (Y), Duane Shafer (Y). **APPROVED 5-0**

- H. Approval of payment to Chappapeela Park Services in the amount of \$4,480.00 for AWR #25.64 additional paint football.

There was a motion by Robert Williams Jr. and seconded by Duane Shafer approving payment to Chappapeela Park Services in the amount of \$4,480.00 for AWR #25.64 additional paint football.

Votes: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Guy Recotta (Y), Duane Shafer (Y). **APPROVED 5-0**

- I. Approval of “Accounts Payable – Operating Account, **October 2025**”

There was a motion by Jessica Bennett and seconded by Duane Shafer approving “Accounts Payable – Operating Account, October 2025.

Votes: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Guy Recotta (Y), Duane Shafer (Y). **APPROVED 5-0**

- J. Other business brought before the Board. **Next scheduled board meeting December 18, 2025**

VII. **Public Comments: NONE**

VIII. **Adjournment:**

- IX. There was a motion by Jeffrey Cooper and seconded by Jessica Bennett adjourning the meeting. All members were in favor of adjourning.

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Jeff Cooper, CHAIRMAN

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