

HAMMOND AREA RECREATION DISTRICT #1

RECREATION DISTRICT BOARD

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Guy Recotta, Vice Chair
Robert Williams
Jessica Bennett
Duane Shafer

DIRECTOR
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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
CHAPPAPEELA SPORTS PARK
19325 HIPARK BOULEVARD
Wednesday April 1, 2026
5:00 p.m.

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairman, Jeffrey Cooper called the meeting to order at 5pm.
- II. **Board of Directors Roll Call:** Robert Williams Jr. (P), Duane Shafer(P), Jessica Bennett (P), Jeffrey Cooper (P) Guy Recotta (P)
- III. **Approval of Minutes: February 26, 2026:** There was a motion by Jessica Bennett and seconded by Guy Recotta approving minutes of February 26, 2026.3

Vote: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennet (Y)
Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Guy Recotta (Y)

IV. **Reports:**

- A. **Director's Report (Ryan Barker)** Mr. Barker informed the board that Detrick Belvin is now the Director for Zemurray & CP Mitchell Parks. Mr. Belvin is working very well with the City of Hammond and getting projects completed.

Mr. Barker informed the board 2 full teams integrated with Chappapella T -Ball teams. Moving forward once you signed up you may play at Stire Field (Zemurray) for that age division. This assist with placing teams under one umbrella. Also, the Little Legions program focusing on baseball for 6wks., at CP Mitchell.

Created Sponsorhsip forms for Zemurray. Ryan, informed the board the team went out to speak with the local downtown businesses in the area. Everyone was excited about the sponsorship information that was passed out.

Soccer, Toddler Tots, Adult Sand Volleyball, & Chiefs Baseball are all taking place. Off Season football started March 31st with North Oaks Sports Performance.

Easter Egg Extravaganza Saturday April 4th, 2026 10am to 1pm

- B. **Operating Account Budget Status (Ed Burns)** Mr. Burns not in attendance. Ryan Barker, Director of H.A.R.D#1 informed the board that the park is on budget with expenses. At this time the park has 3mnths of reserves.

C. **Financial Committee Report (Jessica Bennett) NONE**

D. **Executive Committee Report (Duane Shafer) NONE**

V. **Old Business: NONE**

VI. **New Business:**

A. Approval of Requisition #55 - \$45,147.35 to JimToy5 Contracting for Cont. A – NE Parking & Site Improvements” for Retainage Clear Lien Certificate submitted).

There was a motion by Jessica Bennett and seconded by Guy Recotta approving Requisition #55 - \$45,147.35 to JimToy5 Contracting for Cont. A – NE Parking & Site Improvements” for Retainage Clear Lien Certificate submitted).

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

B. Approval of Requisition #56 - \$328,592.62 to Brunt Construction for “Cont. B – Gymnasium Annex” (69.44% complete).

There was a motion by Guy Recotta and seconded by Robert Williams Jr. approving Requisition #56 - \$328,592.62 to Brunt Construction for “Cont. B – Gymnasium Annex” (69.44% complete).

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

C. Approval of Requisition #57 - \$43,419.75 to Honey B Construction for Cont. C – Playgrounds A & B Improvements” (100% complete)

There was a motion by Jessica Bennett and seconded by Guy Recotta approving Requisition #57 - \$43,419.75 to Honey B Construction for Cont. C – Playgrounds A & B Improvements” (100% complete)

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

D. Approval of Requisition #58 - \$728.50 to Stratum Engineering for QA/QC – Gym Annex (Feb. 2026).

There was a motion by Duane Shafer and seconded by Jessica Bennett approving Requisition #58 - \$728.50 to Stratum Engineering for QA/QC – Gym Annex Feb. 2026).

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

- E. Approval of Requisition #59 - \$3,367.99 to Spangler Engineering/Inv. 26-30 for closeout of Cont. A – NE Parking & Site Improvements.

There was a motion by Guy Recotta and seconded by Robert Williams Jr., approving Requisition #59 - \$3,367.99 to Spangler Engineering/Inv. 26-30 for closeout of Cont. A – NE Parking & Site Improvements.

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

- F. Approval of Requisition #60 - \$8,025.03 to M & R Resources for “Batting Cage Lighting/Power”.

There was a motion by Jessica Bennett and seconded by Robert Williams Jr., approving Requisition #60 - \$8,025.03 to M & R Resources for “Batting Cage Lighting/Power”.

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

- G. Approval and authorization to pay William Hammack and Associates in the amount of \$12,958.00 for first draw on Splash Pad Pavilion. The cost will be covered using funds from the line-item appropriation received from the State of Louisiana.

There was a motion by Guy Recotta and seconded by Jessica Bennett approving and authorizing payment to William Hammack and Associates in the amount of \$12,958.00 for first draw on Splash Pad Pavilion. The cost will be covered using funds from the line-item appropriation received from the State of Louisiana.

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

- H. Approval of payment for Northshore Air Conditioning Heating and Electrical in the amount of \$6,000.00 to replace 3 phase outdoor air conditioning condenser due to leak.

There was a motion by Guy Recotta and seconded by Jessica Bennett approving payment to Northshore Air Conditioning Heating and Electrical in the amount of \$6,000.00 to replace 3 phase outdoor air conditioning condenser due to leak.

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

- I. Approval of \$10,000 trail addition to connect trail to quad between fields 10 and 12.

There was a motion by Robert Williams Jr., and seconded by Jessica Bennett approving \$10,000 trail addition to connect trail to quad between fields 10 and 12.

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

- J. Seeking approval and authorization to accept the quote from Campo for security cameras in the amount of \$60,928.20.

There was a motion by Guy Recotta and seconded Jessica Bennett approving and authorizing accepting the quote from Campo for security cameras in the amount of \$60,928.20.

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

- K. Approval of "Accounts Payable – Operating Account, February 2026.

There was a motion by Robert Williams Jr., and seconded by Jessica Bennett approving "Accounts Payable – Operating Account, February 2026.

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

- L. Other business brought before the Board. Next scheduled meeting is set for **April 30, 2026**

VII. **Public Comments: NONE**

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

JEFFREY COOPER, CHAIRMAN
(Name and Position of Authorized Person)
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