

HAMMOND AREA RECREATION DISTRICT #1

RECREATION DISTRICT BOARD

Jeffrey Cooper, Chairman
Guy Recotta, Vice Chair
Robert Williams
Jessica Bennett
Duane Shafer

DIRECTOR
Ryan Barker

DEPUTY DIRECTOR
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
CHAPPAPEELA SPORTS PARK
19325 HIPARK BOULEVARD

Thursday April 30, 2026
5:00 p.m.

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairman, Jeffrey Cooper called 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 (A).
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** April 1, 2026: There was a motion by Jessica Bennett and seconded by Duane Shafer approving minutes of April 1, 2026.

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

IV. **Reports:**

- A. Director's Report (Ryan Barker) Financially the overall budget performance is strong and on target. Expense for programs and equipment increased due to state appropriation revenue. Sponsorships revenues are below target, active efforts underway to increase sales. Mr. Barker also informed the board he's working with Mr. Al to draft up a format to assist with receiving funds from sponsors.

Capital Projects new gym construction approximately two weeks behind due to electrical cabinet installation delays. New indoor facility projected to go out for bid in June. Party pavilion added near splash pending approval for electrical and lighting. Batting cages officially opened.

Programs are active baseball, softball, T-ball and for Zemurray t-ball, football offseason, soccer, sand volleyball (youth & adult), and toddler programs are performing well. The playgrounds experiencing high usage and engagement.

Upcoming Events summer camp registration open and offering six total camps including new cheer camp. Back to school bash Saturday, July 25, 2026 10am to 1pm. Ribbon cutting ceremony for the new gym to be announced soon.

Bookings at the facilities are taken place. Crimestoppers event scheduled this weekend featuring live performance from 3pm to 9pm.

- B. Operating Account Budget Status (Ed Burns) **Operating funds** increased from last year 157,907.98, March 31, 25 2,474,255.04, March 31, 26 2,632,160.02.

Tax revenue funds increased 65.50, March 31,25 200.00, March 31, 26 265.50

Capital Projects fund decreased by -5,640,343.76, March 31,25 11,489,385.82, March 31,26 5,849,042.06

Debt Service Fund decreased by -670,912.52, March 31, 25,1,416,157.95, March 31,26, 745,245.43. Payment is scheduled for April then later in the year.

Accounts Receivable increased by 16,600.00

Accounts Payable increased by 18,675.83

Retainage Payable increased 144,611.89 will continue to increase as projects continue until depleted.

Revenue and Expenses for the Month of March revenues are up 10,296.05, March 2025 136,082.27, March 2026 146,378.32. Operation Expense up 28,578.00 exclude capital outlay.

Year Comparison January through March 2026

Operating revenue increased 112,657.00 from 398,511.00 that excludes the interest. Operating expense up 23,607.00 for the year. Compared cost are lower compared to last year.

Profit & Loss vs Budget Operating revenues year to date 484,697.00 compared to a budget 1,066,000. We're at 45% of budget for revenues. Revenues are above expectation.

Mr. Burns informed the board he enjoys meeting with the staff that assist him with his report.

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

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

V. **Old Business: NONE**

VI. **New Business:**

- A. Adoption of 2026 millage rate(s).

There was a motion by Jeffrey Cooper and Seconded by Duane Shafer approving the adoption for the 2026 millage rate(s).

Vote: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y). **Motion Approved 4-0**

- B. Seeking approval for the Krewe Da ChaChas October 15, 2026 from 6:00 pm -9:30 pm to serve alcohol on at 19325 Hipark Blvd, Hammond, LA 70403.

There was a motion by Robert Williams Jr., and seconded by Jessica Bennett approving the Krewe Da ChaChas October 15, 2026 from 6:00 pm -9:30 pm to serve alcohol on at 19325 Hipark Blvd, Hammond, LA 70403.

Vote: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y). **Motion Approved 4-0**

- c. Review/Approval of "Master Budget- Series 24 Bonds- Amendment #4" dated 4/25/2026.

There was a motion by Jessica Bennett and seconded by Robert Williams Jr., to **TABLE** the Review/Approval of "Master Budget- Series 24 Bonds- Amendment #4" dated 4/25/2026.

Vote: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y). **Motion Tabled 4-0**

- d. Approval of Requisition #61 - \$35,604.41 to Hammond Area Recreation District#1 for down payment of Video Surveillance System.

There was a motion by Robert Williams Jr., and seconded by Duane Shafer approving Requisition #61 - \$35,604.41 to Hammond Area Recreation District#1 for down payment of Video Surveillance System.

Vote: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y). **Motion Approved 4-0**

- e. Approval of Requisition #62 - \$454,984.65 to Brunt Construction for "Cont. B – Gymnasium Annex" (77% complete).

There was a motion by Jessica Bennett and seconded by Duane Shafer approving Requisition #62 - \$454,984.65 to Brunt Construction for "Cont. B – Gymnasium Annex" (77% complete).

Vote: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y). **Motion Approved 4-0**

- f. Approval of Requisition #63- \$1,674.50 to Stratum Engineering for QA/QC – Gym Annex (March 2026).

There was a motion by Duane Shafer and seconded by Robert Williams Jr., approving Requisition #63- \$1,674.50 to Stratum Engineering for QA/QC – Gym Annex (March 2026).

Vote: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y). **Motion Approved 4-0**

- G. Approval of Requisition #64 - \$87,885.33 to Spangler Engineering/Inv. 26-42 for North Grove Earthwork and Utilities, #26-43 Cont. B Gym Annex, 26-44 North Grove Multipurpose Building.

There was a motion by Duane Shafer and seconded by Robert Williams Jr., approving Requisition #64 - \$87,885.33 to Spangler Engineering/Inv. 26-42 for North Grove Earthwork and Utilities, #26-43 Cont. B Gym Annex, 26-44 North Grove Multipurpose Building.

Vote: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y). **Motion Approved 4-0**

- H. Approval of Requisition #65 - \$43,068.12 to Honey B Construction for "Cont. C. Playground A&B Improvements" Retainage 100% complete.

There was a motion by Robert Williams Jr., and seconded by Jessica Bennett approving Requisition #65 - \$43,068.12 to Honey B Construction for "Cont. C. Playground A&B Improvements" Retainage 100% complete.

Vote: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y). **Motion Approved 4-0**

- I. Approval to pay M & R Resources in the amount of \$9,210.81 for installation of breakers, lights and ceilings fan in playground Pavilion.

There was a motion by Duane Shafer and seconded by Robert Williams Jr., approving payment to M & R Resources in the amount of \$9,210.81 for installation of breakers, lights and ceilings fan in playground Pavilion.

Vote: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y). **Motion Approved 4-0**

- J. Approval to pay Chappapeela Park Services in the amount of \$7,773.26 for field paint AWR#23.13.

There was a motion by Duane Shafer and seconded by Robert Williams Jr., approving payment to Chappapeela Park Services in the amount of \$7,773.26 for field paint AWR#23.13.

Vote: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y). **Motion Approved 4-0**

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

There was a motion by Duane Shafer and seconded by Robert William Jr., approving "Accounts Payable – Operating Account, March 2026.

Vote: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Duane Shafer (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y). **Motion Approved 4-0**

L. Other business brought before the Board. Scheduled Board Meeting **May 28th, 26**

vii. Public Comments: NONE

viii. Adjournment: There was a motion by Jeffrey Cooper and seconded by Jessica Bennett to adjourn the meeting. All board members were in favor of adjourning.

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