

HAMMOND AREA RECREATION DISTRICT #1

RECREATION DISTRICT BOARD

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MINUTES
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
CHAPPAPEELA SPORTS PARK
19325 HIPARK BOULEVARD
Wednesday August 26, 2026
5:00 p.m.

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairman, Jeffrey Cooper called meeting to order at 5:00pm
- II. **Board of Directors Roll: Call: Robert Williams Jr. (P), Duane Shafer (A), Jessica Bennett (A), Jeffrey Cooper (P), Guy Recotta (P)**
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** July 30, 2026: There was a motion by Guy Recotta and seconded by Robert Williams Jr., approving minutes of **July 30, 2026.**

Vote: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Guy Recotta (Y).
Approved 3-0

IV. **Reports:**

A. Director's Report (Ryan Barker)

Program Update: Registration that have closed Tackle Football (Hurricanes) total 119 participants. Hurricanes first game will be September 12th HARD hosting 3 weekends. Hurricane Flag Football which is a competitive travel program at 52 participants with room for 60. Chappapeela & Zemurray flag at 420 participants and will play in the same league. Chappapeela and CP Mitchell Soccer at 540 participants. Cheer league at 51 participants. North Oaks Sports performance Strength & Conditioning participants at 23.

Open registration: Training Tots, volleyball, Little Legions flag and soccer league that will take place at Zemurray and CP Mitchell.

Events: Hospice Gala October 3, 2026

Current Projects new gym offices are furnished. Ryan informed the board they are at the end of the punch list. Ryan also informed the board that their receiving quotes for protective flooring for the new gym. Mr. Spangler emailed a sketch of the new parking area by the new gym that will add 150 parking spots with a lighted walkway into the new gym.

Ryan stated he meet with Mr. Burns on Tuesday. Profits are up and expenses are higher there were two unexpected events for the existing gym regarding the AC unit. Revenues are up minus sponsorships.

B. Operating Account Budget Status (Ed Burns) **NONE**

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

D. Executive Committee Report (Robert Williams) Informed the board the Executive Committee did meet. They discussed future projects that are in the works.

V. **Old Business: NONE**

VI. **New Business:**

- A. Seeking Approval for Chillin with the Chamber to serve alcohol on Saturday August 14,2027 from 8:00 pm-12:00 am at Chappapeela Sports Park, 19325 Hipark Blvd., Hammond, LA 70403.

There was a motion by Guy Recotta and seconded by Robert Williams Jr., approving Chillin with the Chamber to serve alcohol on Saturday August 14,2027 from 8:00 pm-12:00 am at Chappapeela Sports Park, 19325 Hipark Blvd., Hammond, LA 70403

VOTE: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Guy Recotta (Y).

Approved 3-0

- B. Approval of Requisition #73 -\$199,941.66 to Brunt Construction for "Cont. B-Gymnasium Annex" (98% complete).

There was a motion by Robert Williams Jr., and seconded by Guy Recotta approving Requisition #73 -\$199,941.66 to Brunt Construction for "Cont. B-Gymnasium Annex" (98% complete).

VOTE: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Guy Recotta (Y).

Approved 3-0

- C. Approval of Requisition #74 -\$15,155.53 to Hammond Area Recreations District #1, for New Gym Annex furnishings. (concession area).

There was a motion by Robert Williams Jr., and seconded by Guy Recotta approving Requisition #74 -\$15,155.53 to Hammond Area Recreations District #1, for New Gym Annex furnishings. (concession area).

VOTE: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Guy Recotta (Y).

Approved 3-0

- D. Approval of Requisition #75-\$1,510.00 to Stratum Engineering for "Cont. B-Gymnasium Annex lab testing"

There was a motion by Robert Williams Jr., and seconded by Guy Recotta approving Requisition #75-\$1,510.00 to Stratum Engineering for "Cont. B-Gymnasium Annex lab testing"

VOTE: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Guy Recotta (Y).

Approved 3-0

- E. Approval of Requisition #76 -\$29,580.73 to Spangler Engineering, for "Paving Improvements-Gym Annex Parking Lot."

There was a motion by Guy Recotta and seconded by Robert Williams Jr., approving Requisition #76 -\$29,580.73 to Spangler Engineering, for "Paving Improvements-Gym Annex Parking Lot."

VOTE: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Guy Recotta (Y).

Approved 3-0

- F. Approval to pay Greenwalk Environmental in the amount of \$11,961.80 for top dressing for fields.

There was a motion by Robert Williams Jr., and seconded by Guy Recotta approving payment to Greenwalk Environmental in the amount of \$11,961.80 for top dressing for fields.

VOTE: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Guy Recotta (Y).

Approved 3-0

- G. Approval to pay Greenwalk Environmental in the amount of \$15,341.82 for top dressing for fields.

There was a motion by Guy Recotta and seconded by Robert Williams Jr., approving payment to Greenwalk Environmental in the amount of \$15,341.82 for top dressing for fields.

VOTE: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Guy Recotta (Y).

Approved 3-0

- H. Action to ratify email approval to pay Northshore AC & Electric in the amount of \$15,700.00 for 30-ton condenser on west side of old gym.

There was a motion by Guy Recotta and seconded by Robert Williams Jr., ratifying approval to pay Northshore AC & Electric in the amount of \$15,700.00 for 30-ton condenser on west side of old gym.

VOTE: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Guy Recotta (Y).

Approved 3-0

- I. Approval of "Accounts Payable – Operating Account", July 2026.

There was a motion by Guy Recotta and seconded by Robert Williams Jr., approving "Accounts Payable – Operating Account", July 2026.

VOTE: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y), Guy Recotta (Y).

Approved 3-0

- J. Other business brought before the Board. September Board Meeting scheduled for **September 24, 2026 @ 5pm**

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.

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