

HAMMOND AREA RECREATION DISTRICT #1

RECREATION DISTRICT BOARD

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MINUTES
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
CHAPPAPEELA SPORTS PARK
19325 HIPARK BOULEVARD
Thursday July 30, 2026
5:00 p.m.

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairman, Jeffrey Cooper called meeting to order at 5pm.
- II. **Board of Directors Roll Call:** Robert Williams Jr. (P), Duane Shafer (P), Jessica Bennett (A), Jeffrey Cooper (P), Guy Recotta (P)
- III. **Approval of Minutes: June 25, 2026:** There was a motion by Guy Recotta and seconded by Robert Williams Jr., approving minutes of **June 25, 2026.**

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

IV. **Reports:**

- A. Director's Report (Ryan Barker) Programs – Programs and fall sports registration are open wrapped up all summer camps. Tackle football has started. This year introducing NFL Play 60 competitive girl flag football league tryouts held last week. Tournaments for this league will be held at the Saints training facility.

Hurricanes numbers are at 114 last year at 75. There are a lot of students from neighboring programs that are interested showing the word is getting out. Mr. Barker informed the board this is the 7th year of the program. Mr. Cooper stated this was the goal to feed the local schools and that goal has been accomplished. Ryan stated it's a great accomplishment to attend local schools and see football players that once were apart of the Hurricanes. Ryan acknowledges Coach Robert Williams Jr., that was right alongside him year 1 when the program first started.

Upcoming projects to keep on radar are the following that will need to take place by the end of the year. At this time quotes are in process before requesting approval. 1st working with the Hoover team about drainage, 2nd Adding gate at entrance of administrative parking lot, 3rd making four fields 1 pad, (North Grove / field 5 & parking lot), & 4th add handrails to sidewalks.

New gym utilized on today with 400 coaches in attendance. On Tuesday pre-punch list/ walk-thru. The official punch list will be provided soon. Received the third report and quote for the roof will email information to board.

B. Operating Account Budget Status (Ed Burns) Mr. Burns was not present. Ryan informed the board finances were emailed out to each board member. Finances on track areas of overspending the team is aware. Numbers are trending good but there are challenges with sponsorships this year with most businesses stating economy issues.

C. Financial Committee Report (Jessica Bennett) Mrs. Bennett was not present. Mr. Cooper informed the board the committee did met Jessica & committee reviewed areas of concerns from the audit and what the board will do moving forward. 1st Director will review & document review all Louisiana bid law requirements for future projects, 2nd Plan & procedure moving forward for all employees to complete sexual harassment & ethics training at orientation, & 3rd process & procedure update to ensure the bid process is followed regarding newspaper ads. Mrs. Bennett suggest that Melinda cut out the advertised ad and that she has the physical copy of the ad.

D. Executive Committee Report (Duane Shafer): NONE

v. Old Business: NONE

VI. New Business:

A. Approval of Requisition #70 -\$296,134.88 to Brunt Construction for “Cont. B-Gymnasium Annex” (94.90% complete).

There was a motion by **Robert Williams Jr.**, and seconded by **Guy Recotta** approving requisition #70 -\$296,134.88 to Brunt Construction for “Cont. B-Gymnasium Annex” (94.90% complete).

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

- B.** Approval of Requisition #71-\$1,452.00 to Stratum Engineering for “Cont. B-Gymnasium Annex lab testing.”

There was a motion by **Duane Shafer** and seconded by **Robert Williams Jr.**, approving Requisition #71-\$1,452.00 to Stratum Engineering for “Cont. B-Gymnasium Annex lab testing.”

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

- C.** Approval of Requisition #72 -\$32,339.40 to Frost Barber of Louisiana, LLC , for New Gym Annex furnishings.

There was a motion by **Guy Recotta** and seconded by **Robert Williams Jr.**, approving Requisition #72 -\$32,339.40 to Frost Barber of Louisiana, LLC, for New Gym Annex furnishings.

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

- D.** Action to ratify email approval for the renewal of insurance policy with Guerin Insurance Agency in the amount of \$121,060.95.

There was a motion by **Jeffrey Cooper** and seconded by **Guy Recotta** ratifying email approval for the renewal of insurance policy with Guerin Insurance Agency in the amount of \$121,060.95.

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

E. Approval of “Accounts Payable – Operating Account”, June 2026.

There was a motion by **Guy Recotta** and seconded by **Robert Williams Jr.**, approving “Accounts Payable – Operating Account”, June 2026.

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

F. Other business brought before the Board.

Next scheduled board meeting is set for August 26,2026

vii. Public Comments: NONE

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

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