HAMMOND AREA RECREATION DISTRICT #1

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Jeff Cooper, Chairman
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Duane Shafer

DIRECTOR
Ryan Barker

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Amber Andrews

MINUTES
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
CHAPPAPEELA SPORTS PARK
19325 HIPARK BOULEVARD
Thursday September 24,2026
5:00 p.m.

I. **Call to Order:** Chairman, Jeffrey Cooper called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

II. **Board of Directors Roll Call:** Robert Williams Jr. (P), Duane Shafer (A), Jessica Bennett (P), Guy Recotta (A), Jeffrey Cooper (P)

III. **Approval of Minutes**: **August 26,2026:** There was a motion by **Jessica Bennett** and seconded by **Robert Williams Jr.,** approving the minutes of **August 26, 2026**.

Vote: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y)**. Approved 3-0**

IV. **Reports:**

A. Director's Report (Ryan Barker) **Financial**: Mr. Barker informed the board the team is working on spending. Largely related to Capital Improvements and repairs from new projects. Ryan stated he spoke with Mr. Jim Ryan that approximately $120,000+ will be reimbursed to add to General Operations. Department head are instructed to freeze non-essential spending. Also, identified two directors' positions previously coded under programs & events have been recoded to contract administration payroll, which will balance the budget in that area. Closely monitoring usage on utilities, and supplies to shrink expenses. As of today, bond funds $3.2 billion factor in reimbursement for $120,000/$150,000 range and parking lot paving estimated $650,000 leaves $2.2 million remaining. The team also reviewed weekend staffing for financial purposes.

Sponsorships
Mr. Barker provided the board with a list of Sponsors. This list shows current sponsors, their level, & renewal dates for each sponsor. Sponsorships are currently low but, the team has targeted goals to increase sponsors and build partnerships.

Programs
Fall sports are up and running. Tonight, flag football games will be held. On Monday, & Wednesday Soccer. Volleyball & Cheer will be beginning. Zemurray- Soccer and Flag Football underway. Basketball registration opens October 1st HARD is introducing an all-girls basketball league this season.

Flag Football -NFL Play 60 travelling team there are 2 all-female teams this a dream for the area.

Events
Tots of Terror October 30th from 5pm to 7pm ages 1-5. Included Sensory Event for children with differentiating disabilities.

Baseball Tournaments: 13 teams to 23 teams. This weekend we will host a 60 team Tournament.

Facility Rental: Classroom rentals has taken place. The team is putting together a campaign to display the facility to increase rental.

B. Operating Account Budget Status (Ed Burns) **Operating Account** decreased $115,041.69 **August 31,2025** ($1,559,205.46) August 31, 2026 ($1,44,163.77). Mr. Burns informed the board this is probably 1 month of reserves. He stated the team is doing an excellent job at addressing spending. **Capital Projects Fund** decreased by $6,994,849.39 August 31,2025 (10,482,287.86) **August 31, 2026** ($3,487,438.47). **Debt Service Fund** decreased by $658,392.56 August 31, 2025 ($1,068,936.05) August 31, 2026 ($410,543.49) Regions. There will be an expecting amount of $8,000 back for interest left over. **Accounts Receivable** increased by $12,720 August 31, 2025 ($22,250.00) August 31,2026 ($34,970.00) all current. **Accounts Payables** increased $33,681.01 up $194,631.15. **Retainage Payables** are all related to the new facility increased by $285,491.28 up $330,772.78.

Month to Month Comparison August 2025 vs August 2026
Revenues have increased by $10,547.35 up to $170,577.38. Total Operating expenses increased by $59,569.00.

Profit & Loss Compared to Year-to-Date total revenues have increased by $315,000.00. this excludes the interest. Reimbursements from the state and bottling company these are property taxes paid directly to the district. Total increase $315,109.00 compared to last year.

Profit & Budget vs Actuals revenues excluding interest and tax revenues. This is operational $1,002,140.00 budget was $1,066,000 (94%) of budget in Revenues. These are great results. Mr. Burns informed the board if there are any questions, please reach out at any time.

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

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

V. Old Business: NONE

VI. New Business:

A. Spangler Engineering presentation of final plans on "Parking Improvements-Gym Annex Lot". Mitch, Spangler Engineering presented the board with updates / drawings of the Parking Improvements-Gym Annex Lot. Additional spaces roughly at 258 spots. Plans are to move toward bidding the project once final plan is completed.

Ryan stated budgeted this project $850,000 as of now appears to be around $650,000.

B. Approval of Requisition #77-$31,912.20 to Hammond Area Recreations District #1, for New Gym Annex floor mats and accessories.

There was a motion by **Robert Williams Jr.,** and seconded by **Jessica Bennett** approving Requisition #77-$31,912.20 to Hammond Area Recreations District #1, for New Gym Annex floor mats and accessories.

Vote: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y)**. Approved 3-0**

C. Approval of "Accounts Payable – Operating Account", **August 2026.**

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

Vote: Robert Williams Jr. (Y), Jessica Bennett (Y), Jeffrey Cooper (Y)**. Approved 3-0**

D. Other business brought before the Board. **October 29, 2026 next scheduled board meeting**

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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