

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, December 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the North Park Multipurpose Recreation Facility located at 30372 Eden Church Road in Denham Springs, La.

Public Hearing called to order by Chairman for discussion of 2023 Budget and 2022 Amended Budget.

No public was in attendance.

A brief summary of the budget proposals was made.

Chairman adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:05 pm.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Julie Dyason-Norris, noting that any public may comment on any agenda item or resolution during discussion period for same.

Present-J.Dyason-Norris, J.Mallett, R.Harris, S.Elliott, R.Riley Jr.

Absent-Karen Anderson, Jeffrey Wale

Guests - Management Employees of the District

Public-none

LM Lockart Advisory Committee members-Melvin Jackson, Maria Riley, Daniel Landry

Motion to adopt the minutes of the 11-14-22 meeting as mailed with no public comment by J.Mallett seconded by S.Elliott. Vote passed Yeas-J.Dyason-Norris, J.Mallett, R.Harris, S.Elliott, R.Riley Jr. Nays-none Absent-Karen Anderson, Jeffrey Wale

Motion to adopt the 2022 Amended Financial Budget as presented and discussed in the public hearing in the amount of \$4,896,549 with no public comment by R.Harris seconded by S.Elliott Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, S.Elliott, J.Mallett, R.Harris, Ray Riley Jr, Nays-none Absent-Karen Anderson, Jeffrey Wale

Motion to adopt the 2023 Financial Budget as presented and discussed in the public hearing in the amount of \$4,928,350 with no public comment by J.Mallett seconded by S.Elliott Vote passed Yeas-J.Dyason-Norris, S.Elliott, J.Mallett, R.Harris, Ray Riley Jr. Nays-none Absent-Karen Anderson, Jeffrey Wale

A financial report was provided for the November period of operations and budget line item comparisons for the year were noted by the Administrative Treasurer.

Motion to approve the financial report for November, 2022, with no public comment by R.Harris seconded by J.Mallett Vote passed Yeas-J.Dyason-Norris, R.Harris, J.Mallett, R.Riley Jr., S.Elliott Nays-none Absent-Karen Anderson, Jeffrey Wale

Superintendent noted that FAC hosted a member appreciation lunch in early December that was well attended.

*He noted that maintenance crew is working on small projects to end the year.

*He stated that the softball field re-hab work will begin in early January 2023.

*He reminded board that a staff Christmas gathering will be held on the 16th and that service awards to employees will be presented.

*He presented a request from a group for permission to host a surprise birthday event for a community leader at the LM Lockhart Center with a free rental fee. Board discussed the request and what the current reduced rate policy for non-profit status groups states. Board assigned Superintendent to respond to the group reflecting our rental policy rules.

Chairman and Board expressed appreciation to the management and department heads for the good year at the District even with many challenges encountered.

Director, John Arbor reported that basketball registration numbers ended with 415 which was greater than previous year numbers. He stated that drafting procedures will begin on 12-13-22 for lower ages and 12-15-22 for other age groups.

He noted that a volunteer coach for many sports is requesting permission to host an Archery tournament fundraising event for St.Jude on Park grounds. Director will secure detail information on validity before board is given full consideration.

Superintendent reported on FAC activity stating that membership promotions are going well and there is a small issue being resolved on pool temparture controls.

Board discussed observations on the popularity of the Pickle Ball with the public and how it is growing at the District.

Stephanie Morris reported on activity at The Pines stating that weather is affecting play in December, but that the winter series play has begun. She noted that an advertisement campaign began with gift card sales for golf play.

Superintendent noted that there were no new issues to report for South Park.

Melvin Jackson gave an LM Lockhart report. He presented a preliminary 2023 calendar of events with estimated dates. It was noted that the events will be cleared for all dates with the office master calendar. Board discussed the procedures for booking events for the LM Lockhart Advisory Committee's understanding.

Mr. Jackson commented on a request that will be forthcoming for a community hosted event by local ministers relating to training. Superintendent will coordinate the request when the information is presented.

Maria Riley presented a proposal for conducting a Camp Empowerment event by her non-profit organization for 2023 at the LM Lockhart campus (June 2023 M-F). She explained the funding by local organizations of her program.

There were no committee reports.

Chairman thanked the staff for a great year of various sports programs that allowed greater public participation.

Motion to adjourn the meeting with no public comment by S.Elliott seconded by R. Riley Jr. Vote passed Yeas-J.Dyason-Norris, J.Mallett, S.Elliott, R.Harris, R.Riley Jr Nays - none Absent-Karen Anderson, Jeffrey Wale



Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

Next meeting will be held at 6PM on Monday, January 9, 2023