

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the North Park Multipurpose Recreation Facility located at 30372 Eden Church Road in Denham Springs, La.

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, S.Elliott, J.Wale, R.Riley, Jr., Roni Juneau, J.Mallett,
K.Anderson Absent-none
Management Employees of the District
Public-none
L.M. Lockhart Advisory Committee-Daniel Landry, Melvin Jackson

Prayer was led by Jay Mallett and the pledge was given.

Public Hearing for the discussion of the 2024 Budget and Amended 2023 Budget was opened by Chairman.
Various board comments were made and Chairman closed the public hearing.

There were no public comments, so Chairman moved to the next agenda item.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the 11-13-23 meeting as mailed with a name change on prayer item and being no public comment by J.Mallett seconded by R.Juneau Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, S.Elliott, R.Riley Jr., R.Juneau, J.Mallett, K.Anderson Nays-none Absent-none Not Voting-J.Wale

Motion to adopt the 2023 Amended Budget totaling \$5,197,659 as presented and discussed with no public comment by S.Elliott seconded by J.Mallett Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, S.Elliott, R.Riley Jr., R.Juneau, J.Mallett, K.Anderson Nays-none Absent-none Not Voting-J.Wale

Motion to adopt the 2024 Budget totaling \$5,226,900 as presented and discussed with no public comment by S.Elliott seconded by R.Riley Jr Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, S.Elliott, R.Riley Jr., R.Juneau, J.Mallett, K.Anderson Nays-none Absent-none Not Voting-J.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, 2023, with no public comment by R.Riley Jr. seconded by J.Mallett Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, S.Elliott, J.Mallett, R.Riley Jr., R.Juneau, K.Anderson Nays-none Absent-none, Not Voting- Jeffrey Wale

Jeffrey Wale arrived at the meeting.

Chairman discussed the proposed 2023 ADA policy. Board made comments and Chairman tabled this item until later on the agenda for further discussion.

Superintendent stated that he and the staff are pursuing methods of educating the public (newsletters, flyers, etc.) before the renewal election is scheduled. He requested board comments before finalizing these plans.

*He also stated the need for an official 2024 LMLAC committee listing to be submitted in order for the District board's approval for the 2024 official committee members. This item will need to be approved at the January 2024, meeting.

Director, John Arbor, reported that basketball practice sessions have begun (four week period) and that official games begin in January.

He noted that the first soccer season begins in January also.

He explained how a new software (claymetrix) is being used to communicate better and track each participant in all sports. He stated that he is pleased with this software during this pilot period.

Karen Anderson discussed the 2024 scoring procedures for the basketball program which will be used to calm divisive issues by those in attendance.

Chairman addressed the prior agenda item on the ADA policy. Board made discussion and revision of selected wording.

Motion to adopt the 2023 ADA policy with revisions effective 12-11-23 with no public comment by R.Riley Jr. seconded by S.Elliott Vote passed Yeas-.Dyason-Norris, S.Elliott, J.Mallett, R.Riley Jr., R.Juneau, K.Anderson, J.Wale Nays-none Absent-none

Paige Frederick reported that the free fitness class on Saturdays is running well. She stated that after basketball season, that pickle ball play at the fitness center will be hosted on Friday nights. It was also noted that beginning on January 2, 2024, free play for pickle ball will be at 8am till 1pm.

Stephanie Morris stated that The Pines is officially in the off season but that the rain was welcomed. Several small projects are being performed and website postings are being used for promotional activity.

Superintendent gave an update on South Park. He noted that plans for a South Park walking trail is being assembled and that pickle ball plans for adjusting the basketball court are being finalized.

Daniel Landry and Melvin Jackson of the L M Lockhart Advisory Committee presented a copy of the December 4th committee minutes and a calendar with proposed WMLAC events for consideration in 2024. Superintendent will verify per the District calendar for final confirmation.

Charman reminded that election of officers will be held at the January, 2024, regular meeting, and noted that the parking lights at the center are out. Superintendent noted that an electrician is working on solving the lighting issue.

There was no Old Business to discuss.

Superintendent reminded all board members of the ethics course requirement.

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



Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

Next meeting will be held at 6PM on Monday, January 8, 2023