

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, December 9, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the North Park Multipurpose Recreation Facility located at 30372 Eden Church Road in Denham Springs, La.

Public Hearing was called to order by Chairman Julie Dyason-Norris for the discussion of the 2025 Budget and the Amended 2024 Budget.
Superintendent covered some minor changes from the preliminary forecast. Board discussed the detail line items of the 2024 Amended and 2025 Budget noting the timing of the grant fund receipt.
Chairman closed the public hearing at 5:50 pm.

The regular 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 that item.

Present- J.Dyason-Norris, S.Elliott, B. Pitre, A.Bell, R.Juneau, K.Anderson
Absent-Ray Riley Jr.

Management Employees of the District

Public- none

L M Lockhart Advisory Committee: Daniel Landry, Maria Riley

Prayer was led by Administrative Secretary and the pledge was given.

There were no public comments.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the 11-11-24 meeting as mailed with no public comment by S. Elliott seconded by R. Juneau Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, B.Pitre, A.Bell, R.Juneau, K.Anderson, S.Elliott Nays-none Absent-Ray Riley, Jr.

A financial report was presented 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 as presented with no public comment by K.Anderson seconded by S.Elliott Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, B.Pitre, A. Bell, K.Anderson, S.Elliott, R.Juneau Nays-none Absent-Ray Riley Jr.

Motion to adopt the 2024 Amended Budget totaling \$5,194,100 as presented and discussed with no public comment by K. Anderson seconded by S.Elliott Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, S.Elliott, R.Juneau, B. Pitre, K.Anderson, A.Bell Nays-none Absent-Ray Riley Jr.

Motion to adopt the 2025 Budget totaling \$5,785,000 as presented and discussed with no public comment by R. Juneau seconded by A. Bell Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, S.Elliott, R.Juneau, A. Bell, K.Anderson, B.Pitre Nays-none Absent-Ray Riley Jr.

Superintendent commented that the Administration Assistant will be retiring in March, 2025 and that a new candidate has accepted the job for this position.

*He commented that he was proud of the many efforts made by the staff in the recent month regarding the December 7th election. He recapped the election results.

Superintendent reported that the funds were recently received from the State grants from State Representative Wilder and State Senator Hodges offices. It was noted that the some capital project timing was adjusted from the original plan (Pickle Ball and Disc Golf). He noted that public excitement at South Park has been received regarding the two new sport facilities added. Sharon Elliott shared positive comments on these additions also. *He reminded board of the Christmas party schedule on December 13, 2024.

Director Jon Arbour reported that basketball has begun and that spring soccer registration will open in January.

He noted that he met with a lighting construction vendor regarding the lighting specifications as printed. He stated that there may be major cost savings if wording changes are made on the specifications. A company is performing a lumenation study at no cost for the possible specification revision as it pertains to the District's needs in lighting. He will be revising the specications before bidding the project. He also shared that research for grants involving Lousiaina energy savings regarding this lighting is being made along with the potential of donation of materials by the public.

Courtney Stevens, Aquatics Director reported that 200 people attended the member appreciation luncheon.

Paige Frederick, Fitness Director, shared that the air conditioning issue has been resolved.

Stephanie Morris gave The Pines report noting that the irrigation project is ongoing and that the golf cart revised contract is ready to be signed. She reported that rates at The Pines are being researched for increases in the near future.

Rod Vulgamore gave a South Park report stating that plans for a security system are being researched for installation of cameras and internet services. He stated that various repairs will be completed before the installation process and that some trees need to be cut at North Park along with the removal of old playground equipment.

Under the L M Lockhart Advisory Committee report, Daniel Landry stated that the Leadership Livingston meeting with the committee discussed the potential of statues and ideas on the proposed wall project which will be shared with the Long Range Planning Committee of the District. He stated that the proposed 2025 Advisory Committee nominee listing is not ready at this time, but will be ready for the January 2025 meeting.

There were no committee reports.

Under old business, Chairman stated her despondency over the recent failure of the December 7, 2024 election renewal which failed by 83 votes. Other board members shared disappointment in the low turnout of voters and the result. Board members discussed at length future action and the Chairman requested that all board members send potential ideas on future action on the renewal of taxes to the Superintendent.

Chairman requested nominations for officers.

Motion to nominate Julie Dyason-Norris as Chairman for the 2025 year with no public comment by S.Elliott seconded by R.Juneau Vote passed Yeas- A.Bell, S.Elliott, B.Pitre, K.Anderson, R.Juneau Nays-none Abstaining-J.Dyason-Norris Absent-Ray Riley Jr.

Motion to nominate S.Elliott as Vice Chairman for the 2025 year with no public comment by K.Anderson seconded by R.Juneau Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, A.Bell, B.Pitre, K.Anderson, R.Juneau Nays -none Nays-none Abstaining-S.Elliott Absent-Ray Riley Jr.

Under board comments, various board members noted the success of adding new sports opportunities for the public in 2025 and beyond.

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



Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

Next meeting will be held at 5:30 PM on Monday, January 13, 2024