

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the North Park Multipurpose Recreation Facility located at 30372 Eden Church Road in Denham Springs, La.

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, A.Bell, K.Anderson, Ray Riley Jr.

Absent-Roni Juneau

Management Employees of the District

Public- Blaine Pitre, Robert Stroud, Jim Ryan, Parish Financial Consultant.

L M Lockhart Advisory Committee: Daniel Landry

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

Chairman noted that Blaine Pitre had previously resigned from the board after last meeting.

There were no public comments.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the 12-9-24 meeting as mailed with no public comment by S. Elliott seconded by A. Bell Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, A.Bell, S.Elliott, Ray Riley Jr. Nays-none Abstaining –Ray Riley Jr. Absent-Roni Juneau
Not voting-Karen Anderson

Karen Anderson arrived at the meeting.

A financial report was presented for the December 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 S.Elliott seconded by A.Bell Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, A. Bell, K.Anderson, S.Elliott, R. Riley Jr. Nays-none Absent-Roni Juneau.

Administrative Treasurer read the special election results via the Proces Verbal document noting that 1,163 votes were cast against and 1,080 were cast in favor on 12-7-24.

Motion to adopt the voting results as per the Proces Verbal documentation read aloud before this board regarding the special election held on December 7, 2024, in the Livingston Parish Recreation District 3 with no public comment by A. Bell seconded by Ray Riley, Jr. Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, A. Bell, K.Anderson, S.Elliott, R. Riley Jr. Nays-none Absent-Roni Juneau

Motion to provide for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in Recreation District 3 of Livingston Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, December 7, 2024, to authorize the renewal of the levy and collection of a fifteen (15) mills ad valorem tax for a period of ten(10) years, beginning with the year 2026 and ending with the year 2035, for the purpose of operating and maintaining the District with 1080 votes in favor and 1,163 votes against with no public comment by S.Elliott seconded by R. Riley Jr. Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, A. Bell, K.Anderson, S.Elliott, R. Riley Jr. Nays-none Absent-Roni Juneau.

Superintendent introduced Mr. Jim Ryan who addressed the board. Mr. Ryan shared various options to proceed regarding a future election. He shared information concerning the millage amounts, timing of elections, and wording about the propositions which are all considered by the Louisiana Tax Commission during the approval process. The Commission representatives did recently agree that a millage amount can be reduced and still be considered as a renewal type proposal. Board discussed the options with time lines. A special finance team meeting was set for 1-24-25 at 11 AM to bring a proposal to the board in February.

Superintendent shared a general recap of guidelines used with various procedures now in place regarding handling of issues by staff before the board is required to review.

*Superintendent covered items needing immediate attention regarding maintenance projects for 2025. He listed them as follows:

*He noted that a pavilion at LM Lockhart refurbishment should cost around \$14,000 and 30 days to perform. Board discussed the metal material versus wood preference on this project. Superintendent shared the advantages of metal. Chairman assigned the project discussed to the beautification committee in order to proceed.

*He stated that the South Park entrance culvert has failed and needs replacement. The Drainage District 1 have agreed to install with our purchase of the material. Board consensus agreed to proceed.

*He shared research into an improved camera system to combat vandalism.

*He noted that new playground equipment will be delivered soon at North Park and that a slide will be replaced at South Park for safety reasons.

*He gave an update on the air conditioner replacement project at L M Lockhart.

*He stated that a gasket is ordered for a repair at the Water Park.

*He noted that the women's bathroom/ shower area at the Fitness Center will be refurbished.

*He noted that 31 trees remain throughout the parks to be removed.

Superintendent covered recent vandalism at the North Park bathroom near the playground and the costly repairs experienced by the District.

Director Jon Arbour reported on bid openings for three previously advertised areas. The concession service bids revealed one invalid bid and another very low bid for concession services. Superintendent recommended to reject and re-bid concession services for 2025. Board discussed avenues to secure more vendors to participate in the bid process.

Motion to reject the current concession services bid for 2025 as received with no public comment by S.Elliott seconded by A.Bell Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, A. Bell, K.Anderson, S.Elliott, R. Riley Jr. Nays-none Absent-Roni Juneau

Motion to advertise for bids for concession services for the 2025 year as per published specifications with no public comment by A. Bell seconded by Ray Riley Jr. Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, A.Bell, K.Anderson, R.Riley Jr., S.Elliott Nays-none Absent-Roni Juneau.

Director provided the 2025 bids for the sports equipment and supply bids by line item.

Motion to accept 2025 sports equipment and supply bids from three bidders as presented with purchases to be made at the most advantageous price bid per item considering availability of said item as per recommendation of Superintendent and Director with no public comment by K.Anderson seconded by A.Bell Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, R.Riley Jr., S.Elliott, K.Anderson, A.Bell Nays-none Absent-Roni Juneau

Director provided the bids for the uniform purchases for 2025, noting that no bids were received on line items 2 and 3 of the specification sheet from any bidder.

Motion to advertise for bids for the 2025 uniforms for line items 2 and 3 per the specification sheet with no public comment by S.Elliott seconded by K.Anderson Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, R.Riley Jr., A.Bell, S.Elliott, K.Anderson, Nays-none Absent-Roni Juneau

Motion to award the 2025 uniform bids to the low bidders per item number from the specification sheet as presented at the most advantageous price bid per line item excepting lines 2 and 3 with no public comment and as recommended by Superintendent by A.Bell seconded by K.Anderson Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, R.Riley Jr., A.Bell, S.Elliott, K.Anderson, Nays-none Absent-Roni Juneau

Director noted that early soccer registration results are good thus far and that new communication measures to improve soccer registration appear to be adding to the registration numbers above the prior year. He stated that January 20, 2025 will be the cut off date.

Courtney Stevens, Aquatics Director reported that readiness planning action is being taken for the summer season with registration for Aquatics in March, 2025.

Paige Frederick, Fitness Director, shared that a promotion is planned for this spring and that the use of the facility for fitness has been outstanding. She noted that pickle ball play dates are very full.

Stephanie Morris gave The Pines report noting that the golf carts were received and are being heavily used. She noted preparation for the spring play is being made and hopes to host some form of a junior golfer's event by year end.

Superintendent noted that disc golfer activity has been very high at South Park.

Under the L M Lockhart Advisory Committee report, Daniel Landry presented the 2025 recommendation for the L M Lockhart Advisory Committee. Board consensus agreed to re-appoint the same members who held the positions in 2024.

There were no committee reports.

There was no old business.

Chairman stated that she will appoint new committee members in February.

There were no further board comments.

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



Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

Next meeting will be held at 5:30 PM on Monday, February 10, 2025