

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, March 10, 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, A.Bell, S.Elliott, K.Anderson, Ray Riley Jr., R.Juneau

Absent-none

Management Employees of the District

Public- citizens, none

Daniel Landry, L M Lockhart Advisory Committee

Trey Sanders, H.T.Bourgeois CPA's

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

There were no public comments.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the 2-10-24 meeting as mailed with no public comment by S. Elliott seconded by R.Riley, Jr Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, S.Elliott, Ray Riley Jr.,K.Anderson, A. Bell Nays-none Absent-none Not voting- Roni Juneau

A financial report was presented for the February 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 R.Riley, Jr. seconded by S.Elliott Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, S.Elliott, R. Riley Jr., K.Anderson, A.Bell Nays-none Absent-none Not voting-Roni Juneaus

Motion to adopt a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Recreation District NO. 3 (Pards) of Livingston Parish on Saturday, October 11, 2025, for the purpose of authorizing the renewal of a fifteen (15) mill tax on assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation in the District, for a period of ten (10) years for the purpose of operating and maintaining the District; and further making application to the State Bond Commission for consent and authorization to hold the aforesaid election' and further providing for other matters in connection therewith with no public comment by S.Elliott seconded by K.Anderson Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, S.Elliott, Ray Riley Jr.,K.Anderson, A. Bell Nays-none Absent-none Not voting- Roni Juneau

Superintendent shared that the South Park pavilion roof is complete and column work performed. Painting on the project remains. The total cost was \$14,000.

*He reported that the entrance drive to South Park is being reviewed by DOTD for final approval regarding culvert replacement. Signage for the temporary closure of the park during the replacement process have been ordered.

*He noted that the staff is coordinating on removing various dead trees in South Park.

*He stated that the new playground equipment is installed and the old equipment is removed. One slide at South Park will be replaced in a few days. He stated that the negative comments from a citizen was resolved.

*Superintendent reported that the Fitness Center shower area is complete and that a hot water heater remains to be installed.

*He commented that the air conditioner project at L M Lockhart is ongoing and other maintenance items are being addressed.

Roni Jareau arrived at the meeting.

Trey Sanders CPA presented the communication letter for the 2024 Audit which will begin in April.

Director John Arbour reported that the drafting process for T Ball, baseball, and softball reveals that the number count of participants is below the prior year.

He stated that child care registration is being handled differently in 2025 for efficiency. Each age group will have registration times.

He reported that the child care insurance renewal premium has risen by 20%. He reported that he received assistance from the State Department of Education on this issue.

Chairman commented on the insurance crisis and the District needs to communicate the rising premiums to legislators.

Superintendent noted that insurance quotes on the Water Park are becoming a difficult process due to lack of carriers in 2025.

Courtney Stevens, Aquatics Director reported that applications have been received for the Water Park workers. She noted that lifeguard classes will be held in April. She stated that she feels confident that the number of individuals currently applying will allow her to fill all the needed positions.

Paige Frederick, Fitness Director, reported that the free member Fund Day sessions will be provided again and that a pickle ball tourney is scheduled in May. She stated that a new class on women's defense training is being held. Superintendent noted an very positive appreciation comments was received from a citizen who left the closed YMCA.

Superintendent gave The Pines report noting that a glow ball tourney will be held this weekend at The Pines and that spring golf has begun with many participants.

Rod Vulgamore stated that the outdoor pickle ball facility is being well used. He stated that various visitors have assisted in planting trees near the disc golf course.

Andrea Bell left the meeting.

Under the L M Lockhart Advisory Committee report, Daniel Landry recognized the DSHS soccer team on their playoff play. He noted the need for a marquee at the Activity Center for communication to the public. He stated that there was no meeting in March, but requested on behalf of Roberts United Church that they use the outdoor portion of the park for two Sundays in March and April in order to host worship services (one hour each). A letter was sent recently requesting a waiver of rental fees. Board discussed and stated that current non-profit rental policy requires a rental fee. Board members stated that this precedent decision would affect many future requests.

Under committee reports, Chairman noted that she met 3 times with officials on the renewal election plan for later in 2025. She shared how educating the officials took place for this specific need of renewal of ad-valorem taxes for the District.

Chairman covered the Finance Committee's consideration of using consultants for public education with a limit of up to \$50,000 for 2025.

Motion to approve up to \$50,000 for educational services performed by a consultant in 2025 with funds from the savings line on the 2025 budget with no public comment by S.Elliott seconded by R.Riley, Jr. Vote passed Yeas-J.Dyason-Norris, R.Riley, Jr., S.Elliott, R.Juneau, K.Anderson Nays-none Not voting-A.Bell

Chairman also stated that the Finance Committee considered increased rates for the Fitness membership since rates have been the same since opening 13 years ago. The increase proposed involves \$10 per month for a membership. The committee also recommended to raise golf round fees for adults by a \$10 per round.

Motion to increase monthly fitness membership rates (\$10 per month) as recommended by the Finance Committee effective May 1, 2025 with no public comment by K.Anderson seconded by R.Juneau Vote passed Yeas-J.Dyason-Norris, R.Riley, Jr., S.Elliott, R.Juneau, K.Anderson Nays-none Not voting-A.Bell

Motion to increase The Pines adult golf round by \$10 as recommended by the Finance Committee effective May 1, 2025 with no public comment by K.Anderson seconded by R.Riley, Jr. Vote passed Yeas-J.Dyason-Norris, R.Riley, Jr., S.Elliott, R.Juneau, K.Anderson Nays-none Not voting-A.Bell

There was no old business.

There were no further board comments.

Motion to adjourn the meeting with no public comment by K.Anderson seconded by R.Juneau Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, R.Juneau, S.Elliott, R.Riley Jr., K.Anderson Nays -none Absent-none Not voting-A.Bell



Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

Next meeting will be held at 5:30 PM on Monday, April 14, 2025