

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Community Center & Playground District #3, Calcasieu Parish, Vinton, LA held in the board room of the Recreation Building on May 11, 2022, at 5:30pm. After full compliance with all regulations as to notice otherwise and respect to conveying of said meeting with the following present:

Present: Danny Paladino-----President
 Kristal Eastwood-----Vice President
 Diane Conner-----Secretary/Treasurer
 Johnathan Harbert-----Commissioner

Absent: Scott Spell-----Commissioner

Others: Gwen LeJuhn-----Director
 Loren Labby-----Assistant Director
 Cade Henderson-----Bookkeeper
 Jessica Heard-----Fitness Director

Danny Paladino called meeting to order at 5:30pm

Kristal Eastwood made a motion to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting on April 13, 2022, Johnathan Harbert seconded, unanimous.

Cooperative Endeavor:

Calcasieu Parish Police Jury and Community Center & Playground #3 will enter an agreement with the Summer Food Program. The endeavor agreement needs approval and notarized. Calcasieu Parish Police Jury provides the meals and a worker to pass out the food to participants. Community Center Provides a place to serve the food for the program. No public present for comment.

Johnathan Harbert made a motion to approve the summer food program, Diane Conner seconded, unanimous.

Fitness Room Report:

Jessica Heard said fifty-eight new members registered in April for the fitness room and she has provided forty-two plans for members. She is starting a walking challenge that will run from May 1st-July 31st. Participants will register and receive a pedometer to track steps walked. The

steps counted will determine how far you walked in Louisiana. At the end of the challenge each participant will receive a t-shirt.

Sports Scheduling:

Johnathan Harbert said parents of ball players inquired why we are starting the baseball and softball season so late in the year. He said we are starting later than other communities around us. He feels it is a hinderance to our program starting so late in the year. Kristal Eastwood said How do we build up excitement and build the number of players. Suggestions from others in the meeting, clinics, bringing back all-star participation, earlier registration for all sports, so it can get back to closer to when the other communities start. Ashley Courville said the reason the season started so late that registration extended due to not enough players for teams and coaches. It was either extend and start later or not be able to play. Ashley Courville said registration dates went out on social media, mass text sent to all in the system, notes sent home from school.

Bids for Abatement:

The Terracon Engineering Company hired to manage the Abatement and Demo bids for the Community Center & Playground #3 received three bids for the Old Building Abatement Project. Their recommendation was to use TDC Environmental for this project. Their bid for the abatement was the lowest received.

Bids/Proposals:

TDC Environmental - \$31,720.00

American Pollution Control Corporation - \$56,988.25

Guarantee Environmental Services - \$68,995.00

No public present for comment.

Johnathan Harbert made a motion to approve TDC Environmental bid of \$32,720.00 for the abatement project, Kristal Eastwood seconded, unanimous.

Before abatement begins the old building needs cleaned out and items stored. We will need to look at getting a storage container. Tadlock has one for 6-month rental and if we decide to buy it the rental fee goes towards the purchase of the storage container.

No public present for comment.

Diane Conner made a motion to rent the container for 6-months with option to purchase, Johnathan Harbert seconded, unanimous.

New Facility Design:

Options and designs drawn up and presented for review for a new outdoor sports complex where the old building is presently located. The drawings included tennis court, basketball court, pickleball court, racquetball court, miniature golf, CMU wall and fencing. The cost will determine what design and courts selected and added to the area.

No public present for comment.

Kristal Eastwood made a motion to budget eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the Outdoor Sports Facility, Diane Conner seconded, unanimous.

Golden Gloves:

Loren Labby said she received a call from a group that would like to set up a boxing rink in the gym. The board asked questions about the golden gloves program. The best knowledge is the Golden Gloves hold boxing competitions for amateur boxing. The group will come in and set up the rink in the gym and hold matches/tournaments. The board wanted to know if they plan to remove rink from gym at the end of each tournament. The basketball courts will need to remain open to the public. The storage of a rink and equipment would also be another problem, storage space limited at the facility. At this time, the board said there is not enough information on the golden gloves program. They would like a presentation on the golden glove program before further discussion on allowing the program to be in the gym.

Holiday Hours:

Poor attendance at the facility noted during past few holidays. Loren Labby said on holidays like Mardi Gras where everyone is attending Mardi-gras functions. Opening a half of day would be sufficient. This would give members that like to walk in the morning to get their steps in. Johnathan Harbert said based on statistics, the director should have the authority to close facility earlier on the holidays where the attendance is low. No public present for comment.

Johnathan Harbert made a motion to give authority to the director to make a change in holiday hours, if necessary, Diane Conner seconded, unanimous.

Johnathan Harbert made a motion to approve the bills as presented, Kristal Eastwood seconded, unanimous. No public present for comment.

There being no further business Johnathan Harbert made a motion to adjourn, Diane Conner seconded, unanimous.

