

COMMUNITY CENTER & PLAYGROUND DISTRICT NO. 3

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REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING HELD AT WARD 7 COMMUNITY CENTER MEETING ROOM 1615 HORRIDGE STREET, VINTON, LA 70668 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025 AT 5:30 PM

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Community Center & Playground District #3, Calcasieu Parish, Vinton, LA held in the meeting room of the Community Center on March 12, 2025, at 5:30 PM. After full compliance with all regulations as to notice otherwise and respect to conveying of said meeting, the meeting was called to order, and a roll call was taken with the following present:

Present:

Diane Conner, Secretary

Scott Spell, President

Kristal Eastwood, Commissioner Derek Durio, Commissioner

Absent:

Johnathan Harbert, Vice President

Others Present: Loren Labby, Director

Cade Henderson, Bookkeeper

Edmond Southern, Maintenance Supervisor

Ashley Courville, Sports Director Katelyn Porter, Sports Committee Mike Pickett, Sports Committee

- On a motion by Ms. Eastwood, seconded by Mr. Durio, and carried unanimously; the Board approved the minutes as presented for the February 12, 2025, regular board meeting. No public comment.
- II. Mr. Henderson presented the Board of Commissioners with the financial statements for March. Ms. Eastwood made a motion to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Mr. Durio, and carried unanimously. No public comment. Mr. Henderson informed the Board that he is still becoming acquainted with the new system.
- III. Mr. Spell stated that he would entertain a motion to enter executive session to discuss the results of a meeting with Mr. Judd Bares. Ms. Eastwood made a motion to enter executive session to discuss the meeting with Mr. Bares, seconded by Mr. Durio, and carried unanimously. The Board of Commissioners entered executive session at 5:45 PM. On a motion by Ms. Eastwood, seconded by Mr. Durio and carried unanimously, the Board entered back into regular session at 6:37 PM.

Mr. Spell explained that there was an informative meeting at the Police Jury building. The District received praise for what they have been doing right, but were made aware of things that the Board has

been doing wrong and things that were coming from the administration side that were also wrong. We now have a better understanding of the roles of each group. The Board of Commissioners is not entitled to information regarding personnel other than the Director. The only recourse as a Board, is if they feel like the Director is not effectively managing the organization, they can remove the Director. Anything involving employees is not the Board's responsibility. The only way to work together and continue to move our community forward is to let it go and move forward with the new understanding of the roles. Any committee that the Board creates is solely responsible to the Board, not to any employee. The only way the Board will change policy is to put it on an agenda, then that policy change will come after a discussion and vote by the Board. The Board cannot hear or take action on any item not on the agenda. The agenda can be amended by a unanimous vote by the Board. Any member of the community can request to be on the agenda by contacting the Director.

Mr. Pickett asked about the future of the committee, which will be discussed at the next meeting. Mrs. Conner acknowledged the hard work they have put in for the season and that the Board doesn't want to negate that. They will reach out to the other members for comments prior to the next board meeting.

Mr. Southern thanked the Board for the purchase of the new field machine. He said that it is working great and is very helpful.

IV. There being no further business, Ms. Eastwood made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Durio; and carried unanimously. No public comment.

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