

**COMMUNITY CENTER AND PLAYGROUND
DISTRICT #4 WARD #1
SPECIAL MEETING Tuesday June 14th, 2022**

Meeting was called to order by Bill Willis at 5:30PM.

Board Members in attendance: Bill Willis, Connie Hoffpauir, Jonathan Simien

In attendance: Richard Dow, Toni Wilcox

Prayer/Pledge: Pledge of Allegiance by board members, followed by the prayer led by Bill Willis

New Business: Bill began the meeting by welcoming Toni Wilcox to the CCPD4W1 staff. Toni was hired as Assistant Facility Manager and began duties on May 29th. Tonight's meeting was set to discuss the potential of legal representation for the District in litigation against the insurance company that CCPD4W1 had during Hurricanes Laura and Delta in 2020 and has failed to pay timely. Richard has reached out to Kip Tejada who manages Ward 3 sports complexes and also uses the same insurance. They are using David Bruchhaus of Mudd, Bruchhaus and Keating. Richard explained that the insurance company has recently been in contact with both he and Toni as the District is attempting to replace a golf cart that was stolen in February of 2022. The District has not yet sent the final bids to the insurance company with the increased amount beyond original payment from November 2020. That should be out within the week. Richard said he would send that to Board member and the local Insurance broker that the District uses. Insurance Unlimited was the company that finally got a hold of the insurance company and asked them to communicate. Upon first contact, they explained they had unsuccessfully attempted to reach Renee Bailey, who left the District in November 2020. Bill asked if Richard had talked to Kip recently regarding their particular situation. Richard said he had not been in contact with Kip this week but that he knew they were in the typical 30-day waiting period for the insurance company to respond. Connie shared that the lawyer that she was using for similar needs with her personal property suggested Wes Romero, also of Mudd, Bruchhaus and Keating and that her dealings with him were very positive. She was told that Romero also is handling cases in the Cameron Parish are that dealing with the same insurance company that the District is. Romero works closely in all cases with David Bruchhaus who again is handling the Ward 3 litigation. Connie was told that his fee would be 25%. Connie believes that the insurance company is dealing with the smaller claim for the golf cart because it is small, and they can get it out of the way. Bill said he feels the District should move forward in finding representation because it also sends a message to the public that efforts are being made to get all that the District is owed. Connie said that while the District does not necessarily need to file suit at this time, that legal counsel was still needed. Connie stated that if a decision was made to hire representation for the District, it would have to be made into the form of a resolution and sent to Bob Kleinschmidt with the Calcasieu Parish District Attorney's office who in turn sends it to the State Attorneys office. Bob has told Connie that they have already authorized them numerous times so it should be a very short process.

Connie made a motion to hire Mudd, Brucchaus and Keating, the firm that Wes Romero is employed, to serve as legal counsel concerning the underpayment by Glatfelter Insurance following the damages of Hurricanes Laura and Delta, and that they be invited to attend

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the regular June meeting scheduled for Monday June 20th. Seconded by Johnathan. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner's Comments: Next regular meeting for the Board of Commissioners for the Community Center and Playground District 4 of Ward 1 will be the regular June monthly meeting on Monday, June 20th, at 6:00PM.

Jonathan made a motion to adjourn meeting; second by Connie. All in Favor 3-0. Motion passed. 5:46 pm.

Minutes recorded and reported by Richard Dow.