

**COMMUNITY CENTER AND PLAYGROUND
DISTRICT 4 WARD 1
MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 10TH, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Bill Willis at 6:00pm.

Board Members in attendance: Bill Willis, Connie Hoffpauir, David Nixon, Theo Chantlin, and Bill Sommers

In attendance: David Brossett – Brossett Architect, Darby Quinn – Police Juror, Kyra Williams – Calcasieu Soccer Club, Jason Oertling – Calcasieu Soccer Club, Paula Reed, Sheila Porch, Kim Willis, Sheryl Milanowski, Connie McDaniel, Dani O’Quinn, Barrie Ritter, Lisa Manuel, Karen Winkles, William Wilcox, Mitch Robertson, and Toni Wilcox

Prayer/Pledge: Prayer was led by Bill Willis; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by board members.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes for the May 20th, 2024, meeting was presented to the Board.

Connie made a motion to accept the May 20th, 2024 minutes. Seconded by Theo. Motion passed unanimously.

Police Jurors’ Comments: Darby Quinn stated the River Bluff Park – Phase 3 project goes out to bid tomorrow. The project is to construct a new enclosed pavilion, new outdoor walking path, new boat launch pavilion as well as a few other new additions. A new fire truck fill lane will be installed at the boat launch. This enhancement will contribute to improving the fire rating.

Treasurers Report: No treasurers’ report was given due to the meeting being scheduled a week earlier to be able to secure a quorum.

Committee Reports:

Park: Toni stated Little League has finished its regular season, and all-star team’s practices have begun. Hornby Sports Turf was onsite today fertilizing the baseball/softball fields. Calcasieu Soccer Club has opened registration on June 1st for the upcoming soccer season. Kyra Williams with Calcasieu Soccer Club stated they currently have 44 athletes registered. Calcasieu Soccer Club will have an in-person registration the week of July 15th. Registration will close on July 21st for the upcoming recreational soccer season. The first meet & greet practices are attentively scheduled for the week of September 9th with games starting Saturday, September 21st through October 26th. Toni stated Dan Myers with Moss Bluff Youth Football has reached out to discuss possibly needing 2 painted football fields for games this upcoming season. South Beauregard Football League has expressed interest in playing with Moss Bluff Youth Football League this upcoming season.

Office: Toni mentioned that we had to release the temporary employee due to ongoing issues. We will seek to find a replacement for that employee.

Senior Center: Toni stated they are exploring various options for relocating the senior center activities during the upcoming repair project. She expressed concerns about finding a suitable location for our seniors. Bill Willis raised concerns about leasing

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places like VFW, which has gravel parking and potential issues with weekend rentals. The project is estimated to take around six months to finish.

Capital Planning: Bill W. stated a letter was sent to our Police Jurors identifying the Capital Plan for 2025 through 2030 for projects that will enhance the public's beneficial needs for additional recreational and community activities. The Community Center & Playground District 4 of Ward 1's mission is to serve citizens of all ages to create a desirable community to live, work, and play. Additionally, we support the citizen's vision for cultural unity and a responsible and healthy lifestyle creates. The Board expressed interest in the following Capital Planning projects a Multipurpose Community Center, Jones Rd Complex – irrigation system and grass resurfacing/field leveling, Jones Rd Complex – New concession/restroom/storage building, Jones Rd Complex – New field lighting, 1 mile walking track, pavilions, parking lot pavement, and additional playgrounds.

Old Business:

Pickleball Court Project: Brossett stated the project has been a little delayed due to the weather, but it is still on track to be completed in October. A construction meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 13th at 8:30am. Connie asked if the concrete is scheduled to be poured. Brossett stated they are currently digging trenches and setting post. Once the post is set, they will schedule the concrete to be poured pending weather.

Batting Cage Project: Brossett stated contracts were sent to K&J Development. They are gathering the insurance and bond requirements. Once the contract is ready, Brossett will contact the office to get the contracts signed and recorded. Bill Willis asked if there are any possible delays in materials needed to complete the project. Brossett stated he does not foresee any delays in materials at this time.

Upcoming Projects Update: Senior Center Repairs: Brossett stated the Senior Center Repairs Project is out for bid. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 17th at 2:00pm. Bids will be received on Thursday, June 27th at 3:30pm.

FEMA/Hurricane Laura and Delta: Toni stated we are continuing to work with FEMA. Richard had a conference call with FEMA on Friday, June 7th, and the outlook appears optimistic.

New Business:

Public Notice of Intent to call Election: Bill Willis read the following Public Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given in compliance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 43:19.1, the Community Center and Playground District no. Four of Ward One of Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, will meet in open and public session on the 15TH day of July, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at its regular meeting place located at 1180 Don Manuel Blvd., Lake Charles, Louisiana, to consider calling an election to be held in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana on December 7, 2024, for a renewal of an ad valorem property tax, with collections from the renewed levy estimated to be \$253,642.00 for one entire year, for the purposes of improving, maintaining, and operating the District's Senior Citizen

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Center and for acquiring equipment, improving facilities, and developing programs for provision of services to senior citizens in the District.

Guest Business: Karen Winkles expressed enthusiasm about the pickleball courts and expressed interest in learning more about the Pickleball Courts Project. Bill W. explained that the project involves constructing six illuminated pickleball courts separated by a 4-foot fence. Winkles inquired whether pickleball court lines could be painted in the open-air gym area. Bill W. confirmed that pickleball court lines could indeed be added to the open-air gym. She also asked whether the Park could acquire portable pickleball nets for the open-air gym. Bill W. assured her that the Park could obtain portable pickleball nets for that area. Connie mentioned that it has been the Board's goal to engage all age groups and diversify the activities offered to our community.

Commissioner's Comments: The next regular meeting for the Board of Commissioners for the Community Center and Playground District 4 of Ward 1 is scheduled to be held Monday, July 15th, 6:00PM in an open-air conference room.

David made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Connie. Motion passed unanimously. 6:44PM

Minutes recorded and reported by Toni Wilcox.