## COMMUNITY CENTER AND PLAYGROUND DISTRICT 4 WARD 1 MEETING MONDAY, JULY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Connie Hoffpauir at 6:00pm.

**Board Members in attendance:** Connie Hoffpauir, Bill Willis, Mister Edwards, and Bill Sommers.

**In attendance**: Josh Buford – MBLL, Madison Sommers – MBLL, Broc Corbello – MBLL, William Wilcox, Krystan Statum, 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 June 16th, 2025 & July 15th, 2025 (Special), meetings were presented to the Board.

Bill Sommers made a motion to accept June 16th, 2025, minutes. Seconded, by Bill Willis. Motion passed unanimously.

Bill Willis made a motion to accept July 15th, 2025, special meeting minutes. Seconded by Bill Sommers. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurers Report:** Krystan presented the Board with the Year-to-Date budget reports. Capital Account 773 was \$2,118,053.12. Community Center Maintenance budget 774 was \$4,529,837.49. Senior Center account 775 stood at \$723,365.87.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Park:** Toni updated the Board about the Red, White, and Boom Event that was held at our Main Complex on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, it was a great success, and we were given a lot of positive feedback from the community.

Toni informed the Board that unauthorized structures have been discovered within the wooded area on the west side of the Jones Road Complex property. Upon further investigation, it was confirmed that these structures are located on property belonging to the Community Center & Playground District 4 of Ward 1. Following discussion, the Board has requested that the structures be removed. Toni will reach out to Deacon Brian Soileau, Director of Camp Karol – Catholic Youth Retreat Camp, to inform him of the Board's decision. A formal written notice will also be issued, outlining the Board's request and including a timeline for the removal of the structures.

Bill Willis made a motion for the removal of the structure. Seconded by Mister Edwards Motion passed unanimously.

**Office:** Toni presented a proposal to the Board for Krystan to attend this year's LRPA Annual Conference alongside her. The purpose is to expand class participation and enhance professional development opportunities. The Board agreed that this would be a valuable investment in staff development.

**Senior Center:** Toni informed the Board that the Senior Center has been great. This Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup> is their monthly birthday luncheon.

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**Capital Planning:** Bill W. provided an update concerning the wetlands review for the Jones Road Complex. He reported that he had spoken with Rose from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' office. Rose reassured him that her team is actively working to release the report, although they are currently dealing with a significant backlog. She indicated that we should expect to receive the report within the next 60 days.

The Board was presented list from Moss Bluff Little League (MBLL), Calcasieu Soccer Club, and Moss Bluff Youth Football League outlining the leagues request.

MBLL requested additional non-climate-controlled and climate-controlled storage on the east side of the complex for baseball and softball equipment. The proposed solution is to repurpose the office space at Concession 2 by relocating the existing storage racks into that area. This will provide adequate storage capacity and ensure climate control for sensitive items. Non-climate storage needs will need to be discussed further.

MBLL also expressed interest in having awnings or covers installed over the bleacher areas, along with the reinstallation of additional bleachers. The Board agrees that both awnings and bleachers should be provided, and it is currently in the process of moving forward with this project.

MBLL expressed concerns regarding the lack of lighting in the playground areas. The Board echoed these concerns and emphasized the importance of ensuring adequate lighting for the safety and usability of the playground spaces.

Additional items discussed from the Leagues' list included the need for more baseball/softball fields, installation of scoreboards, upgrading the lighting on Fields 1, 2, and 4 at the Jones Road Complex, climate-controlled storage for the Football League, and the installation of field goals.

The Board also reviewed the revised capital spending plan. During the discussion, the Board emphasized the importance of prioritizing projects that support community growth and promote inclusion.

## Old Business:

**FEMA/Hurricane Laura and Delta:** Toni provided the Board with an update regarding FEMA-related developments. FEMA has officially accepted the revised Detailed Damage Description (DDD) for the stadium lighting project. Following this acceptance, HGA has advised Toni that she may proceed with signing the approved DDD for the stadium lighting project.

**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, August 18th, 2025, 6:00PM in the open-air conference room.

Bill Willis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bill Sommers. Motion passed unanimously. 6:20PM

Minutes recorded and reported by Krystan Statum.