ST. MARY PARISH

RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 3

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The Board of Commissioners of St. Mary Parish Recreation District No. 3 met on Monday, June

26, 2023 in the meeting room at the Bayou Vista Community Center, 5:30 p.m.

Members present: Brian Head-Chairman, Lane Boudreaux, Javon Charles, Dr. Jeffrey Fitter, Rachel Kidder

Absent: Calvin Johnson

Secretary: Monica Lestage

Manager: Mark Richard

Guests: Gwen Hidalgo- Dist. 10, At Large Council Member, Eddie Gay, Marla Levine

The meeting was called to order.

All stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call proved all members present with the exception of Calvin Johnson.

There was no public comment.

Due to time constraints, the chairman reminded everyone that comments would be given five minutes per person for discussion.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as circulated by motion from Lane Boudreaux. After a second from Javon Charles, and all in favor, motion passed.

Accounts payable was reviewed and approved by motion from Javon Charles. Dr. Fitter offered a second to the motion. With all in favor, motion passed.

Mark Richard gave the Community Center report. Rentals were 1 gym (wedding), 5 meeting room, 4 spray park parties, 3 pavilion, 1 golf course party room, 2 batting cages, 4 baseball field rentals and 1 marquee rental.

Callie Williams, activities director, forwarded a report, read by Brian Head, reporting the Agin Cajun program has been steadily progressing. Some new scheduling has been added to include Jr. High students and adults 19 and up. She has posted on the Bayou Vista Community Center Facebook page to spread the word of the activities being held.

Mark Richard gave the manager’s report. June 27-July 1, 2023 will be the dates for the Dixie Youth

Baseball tournament. All fields will be utilized. The concession stand is stocked for the event. Groundskeeping, pressure washing and lawn equipment maintenance is ongoing. The new playground equipment should be in by August. Splash pad is repaired and operational. The pump for the sprinkler system was repaired and numerous repairs have been made to the soft surface at central park.

Gwen Hidalgo asked if red dirt for the fields had arrived. Brian Head responded “yes, and thanks to the assistance of the parish, it has been spread.”

Dr. Fitter inquired about the roof. The drawings are complete. Carl Blum, architect, is bidding out the project.

The Morgan City Review was adopted as the official journal by motion from Javon Charles. After a second by Dr. Fitter, and all in favor, motion passed.

The Chamber of Commerce has requested 4 spray park and 4 Noah’s Ark tickets to use as door prizes.

Dr. Fitter made a motion to donate the tickets. After a second by Rachel Kidder, and all in favor, motion passed.

Brady Borel spoke with Brian about the radio station announcing the activities of Recreation District No. 3. He’s working up a proposal for the board to consider. It was decided to table the discussion until more information is obtained, by motion from Javon Charles, seconded by Dr. Fitter, and approved by all.

A Resolution thanking Michael Guillotte for his service to the board was adopted by motion from Javon Charles, seconded by Dr. Fitter, and approved by all.

The manager reported that he had called five applicants in to interview. Only three came in. One met all the qualifications. Mr. Calvin Johnson met with her and agreed she was the best qualified. Dr. Fitter made the motion to hire Angie Guillotte as the office manager. Lane Boudreaux offered a second. With Javon Charles abstaining and everyone else in favor, motion passed.

Javon Charles suggested tabling items 7 & 8 on the agenda. The chairman and the rest of the board thought the meeting could proceed as scheduled. During the April 2021 meeting, approval by vote, was given for the Chairman to have the authority to spend up to $2,000.00. After a brief discussion, Lane Boudreaux clarified that it was $2,000.00 per transaction with approved signatures. Mr. Head strives to keep everyone informed of any costly expenditures between meetings that require use of his authority.. Dr. Fitter offered a motion to approve the existing limit, per transaction. Lane Boudreaux seconded the motion. With Javon Charles abstaining and the remaining members in favor, motion passed.

The current managers spending limit is $500.00. Javon Charles made a motion to increase the amount to $1,500.00 per transaction with Chairman approval and required signatures. Lane Boudreaux offered a second. With all in favor, motion passed.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Javon Charles. With a second rom Dr.

Fitter, and all in favor, motion passed.

(S) Brian Head

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Brian Head, Chairman