

ST. MARY PARISH RECREATION DISTRICT #3
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The Board of Commissioners of the St. Mary Parish Recreation District #3 met in regular session on Monday, January 22, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room at the Bayou Vista Community Center.

Members Present: Brian Head – Chairman, Lane Boudreaux – Vice Chairman, Dr. Jeffery Fitter, Javon Charles, Eddie Gay, Calvin Johnson, and Rachel Kidder

Employees of the District Present: Mark Richard – Facilities Manager, Angie Guillotte – Office Manager

Secretary: Tyler Lambert

Guest: Gwen Hidalgo and David Hill – St. Mary Parish Council, Kim Willoughby, David Rankin

Mr. Head called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Everyone present stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Rankin with Tech Savvy Solutions gave a report of his findings to the board about the possibility of upgrading the sound system equipment at the community center. Once he completes another walkthrough assessment, he will be able to give a more accurate estimate of work and upgrades needing to be done. He hopes to provide the board with more information at the February meeting. Ms. Willoughby gave her guest comment when the board discussed rates for the community center. She gave the board an update on her wishes to use the gym for volleyball practices and training sessions.

Board members reviewed the minutes from last month's meeting. Mr. Boudreaux motioned to accept the minutes as written. Dr. Fitter made a second to the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Board members reviewed the accounts payable report. Ms. Kidder made a motion to accept the report as is and pay the bills. Mr. Johnson made a second to the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Employees of the district gave the community center report. Mark Richard reported that Centerville Junior High School will be playing their home baseball games at the community center. Angie Guillotte gave a report on the prior month's rentals and activities going on at the community center.

In old business, Mr. Head updated the board on the use of the marquee sign by not-for-profit organizations. Per his discussion with Eric Duplantis and a review of the cooperative endeavor in place, even though an organization is operating as a not-for-profit organization, it cannot run an advertisement on the sign free of charge without giving the community center something in return of equal value.

In new business, the board reviewed rates for use of the community center by for profit organizations vs not-for-profit organizations. After much discussion and deliberation, a motion was made by Mr. Gay to set the rate at \$5.00 per hour for not-for-profit organizations, unless there is a signed contract in place with an otherwise stated amount. A second was made by Ms. Kidder. All were in favor. The motion carried. The board then discusses setting a rate for for-profit organizations. After much discussion and deliberation, a motion was made by Mr. Charles to set the rate at \$57.50 per hour with a signed contract in place, with the ability to only book up to one month at a time. A second was made by Mr. Boudreaux. All were in favor. The motion carried.

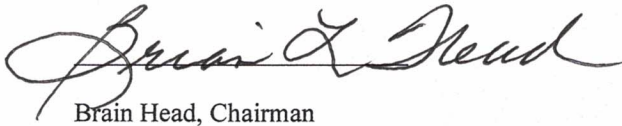
The board discussed creating a pay tier for park employees. A motion was made by Mr. Gay to adopt an \$8.00 per hour rate with a \$0.25 per year raise for miniature golf attendants. A second was made by Mr. Boudreaux. All were in favor. The motion carried. A motion was then made by Dr. Fitter to adopt an \$8.75 per hour rate with annual step raises per the pay tier for miniature golf attendant Sara Thibodeaux. Sara has been employed since 2021 and has yet to receive a raise from her starting pay of \$8.00 per hour. Mr. Johnson made a second to the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Mr. Head informed board members on Mr. Durwin Canty's request to use the meeting room for narcotics anonymous.

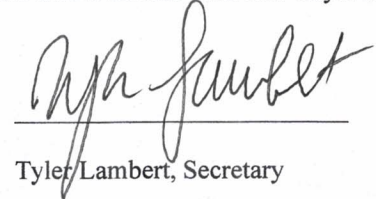
Mr. Charles made a motion to expand the agenda so the board could vote on officers for 2024. A second was made by Mr. Boudreaux. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Mr. Charles then nominated himself for the position of Chairman and gave his list of qualifications. After discussion, it was determined that there were some misunderstandings related to how the board is going to elect officers. Mr. Charles made a motion that the election of officers be tabled to the next meeting, pending further discussion with Eric Duplantis. A second was made by Dr. Fitter. All were in favor. The motion carried. No election was held.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Charles with a second from Mr. Gay. All were in favor. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.



Brain Head, Chairman



Tyler Lambert, Secretary