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The Board of Commissioners of the St. Mary Parish Recreation District #3 met in special session on Monday, January 29, 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 Kristi Rink, MD – St. Mary Parish Council, Hona Seumanu, Lianna Albert-Seumanu, and various parents – Cajun Cost Athletics

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

In old business, Mr. Head informed the board that he reached out to surrounding community centers and recreation departments to get a better idea of what they are charging for rentals. He proposed that the board consider a reduction of the rates voted on at the January monthly meeting. In that meeting, the board voted to set the rates for for-profit organizations at \$57.50 per hour. After discussion, Mr. Charles motioned to set the rates at \$30.00 for the first hour, and \$20.00 for each additional hour. Mr. Boudreaux made a second to the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

After seeking legal counsel from Mr. Eric Duplantis, Mr. Head gave an update on some of the misunderstandings surrounding the board's election of officer. After discussion, Mr. Charles made a motion to rescind the December vote which moved elections to a two-year cycle. Eddie Gay made a second to the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Mr. Head informed the board that at the last meeting a pay tier was not set for the Activity Director position. Mrs. Kidder made a motion that the Activities Director follow the same pay tier as the Maintenance Tech position. Mr. Charles made a second to the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

In new business, the board moved to the election of officers. Mr. Charles made a motion to nominate himself for the position of Chairman. After discussion and advise from councilwoman Rink, it was determined that the motion could be amended by another board member to include another candidate. Mr. Boudreaux motioned to amend Mr. Charles' motion to include Mr. Head for the position of Chairman. Ms. Kidder made a second to the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

The board then voted on the position of Chairman. The voted were casted in a roll call ballot as follows:

- Mr. Head – Mr. Head
- Dr. Fitter – Mr. Head
- Mr. Charles – Mr. Charles
- Mr. Gay – Mr. Charles
- Mr. Johnson – Mr. Head
- Mr. Boudreaux – Mr. Head
- Ms. Kidder – Mr. Head

In a final vote of 5 to 2, Mr. Head was elected as Chairman for 2024.

The board discussed the need to address how it is to fill a vacancy on the board. Lane motioned to accept the following verbiage and to update the bylaws to include:

“If a vacancy should occur on the St. Mary Parish Recreation District #3 for any reason, the Board Chairman shall immediately notify the St. Mary Parish District #3 Councilman, the Parish President, and the SMP Clerk of the Council in order that advertisements may begin as soon as possible, and the Parish Council may fill the vacant position expeditiously. If the vacancy held an officer position, the board shall conduct an election to fill the vacant officer position at the soonest monthly meeting following the effective removal date of the former board member.”

“Any board member missing three (3) consecutive board meetings without justifiable cause and notification prior to the meetings shall be reported to the Parish Councilman for action.”

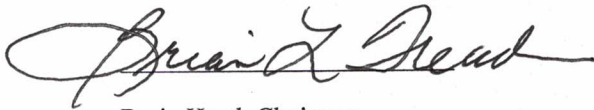
Mr. Johnson made a second to the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Lastly, the board discussed the need to address how it handles amendments to a meeting’s agenda. Mr. Gay motioned to accept the following verbiage and to update the bylaws to include:

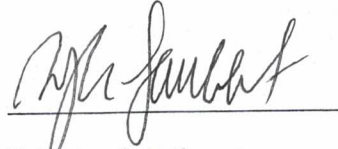
“Items of business at the regular meeting shall appear on the agenda. All items on the agenda shall be presented to the secretary at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting. To expand the agenda at the board meeting, the subject matter of the additional agenda item and purpose for adding the item to the agenda must be presented and unanimous approval of the board members present must be obtained. Public comment on the motion must be allowed prior to any vote to expand the agenda. Expanding an agenda should only occur in urgent matters, which cannot reasonably wait until the next scheduled board meeting.”

Dr. Fitter made a second to the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

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



Brain Head, Chairman



Tyler Lambert, Secretary