

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of Jasper County Development District No.1 will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rayburn Club House, 212 Country Club Drive, Brookeland, Jasper County, Texas, inside the boundaries of the District, to discuss and if appropriate, act upon the following items:

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Certification of meeting notice
2. Oath of Office to Directors Carpenter and Meaux
 - a. Yearly conflict of interest statement for Carpenter and Meaux

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. Approval of minutes from August 29, 2017

FINANCIAL REPORT

4. Financial report

PAYMENT OF BILLS

5. Reimburse Director Collins for Postage

ACTION ITEMS

6. Approval of 2016 Audit Report
7. Rat-L-Trap Funding Request
8. Coach Barbay's Coaching Clinic Request
9. Texas Team Tournament Request Two Tournaments
10. Cabela's Colligate Tournament by TTZ
11. Keith Combs and Bass Nation Funding appeal
12. Real-em-In from Craig Deshon
13. Discussions of Interest Rates and Deposits

DISCUSSION ITEMS

14. Other items that may be presented
15. Adjournment

MINUTES OF JASPER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1
January 23, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Jasper County Development District No. 1 (the District) held a special meeting, open to the public, on January 23, 2018, at 10 a.m. at the Rayburn Clubhouse, 212 Country Club Blvd., Brookeland, Texas, inside the boundaries of the District, and the roll was called of the duly appointed members of the Board.

Members Present

Gary Collins Present
Brent Meaux Present
Randall Dally Present
Charles Burke Present
Richard Carpenter Absent

Others in attendance were: Hudson Kennedy from the District's Audit Firm; Ray Beck, Southeast Texas High School Fishing; Shane Campbell, Tackle Addict

CONSENT AGENDA

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE

President Collins presented the Board with the public notice certification indicating the time, date, meeting place and agenda to be considered by the Board. The agenda was posted on the JCDD web site, at the Jasper County Court House, Piney Point Plaza Post Office and Rayburn Clubhouse.

OATH OF OFFICE:

President Collins gave the oath of office to Director Meaux.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT:

Director Meaux completed the yearly Conflict of Interest Statement which will be kept on file.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes April 29, 2017 were amendments to read as follows. The information under funding request for TTZ (Texas Tournament Zone) for an amount of \$8,500 should read Texas Team Trail Final Event for an amount of \$10,000. The rate would be placed on a sliding scale with the final amount based on the number of fishermen.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

A financial report was submitted by Phyllis Herbst, bookkeeper. The report indicated a total amount of investments and deposit on January 23, 2018 was \$282,456.19. Of that amount \$101,879.36 was invested in a Certificate of Deposit.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Director Collins presented the Board an invoice in the amount of \$4.90 for postage from June 2017 through January 23, 2018.

All the items in the consent agenda were approved on a motion by Director Dally with a second from Director Burke with a unanimous vote of the Board. Director Collins abstained on the vote for reimbursement on his postage charge.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 2016 Audit Report: Hudson Kennedy from the audit firm of McCall Gibson Swedlund Barfoot was present to present the draft of the 2016 audit. In summary the audit was termed a clean one with the District managing within its budget. There were no specific suggestions for improvement of the operations. The audit report was approved on a motion by Director Burke with a second from Director Dally with a unanimous vote of the Board. It should be noted that the two summary pages of audit report will be placed on the District's web site, and the entire audit report is available to anyone who chooses to review it in detail.

Rat-L-Trap Funding Request: The Board was informed that Rat-L-Trap was paid \$1,000 according to the funding schedule established by the Board in October and ratified at this meeting. The payment was approved on a motion by Director Dally with a second from Director Meaux with a unanimous vote of the Board.

Coach Barbay's Coaching Clinic Request: This is an annual request from Coach Barbay, Jasper ISD Athletic Director and Head Football Coach. The amount of \$2,500 was approved for his coaching clinic to help in the expenses of guest speakers and their expenses. The amount will be paid upon receipt of an invoice indicating the specific charges requested for reimbursement. The request was approved unanimously following a motion by Director Dally with a second from Director Burke.

Texas Team Tournament Requests: Director Collins explained to the Board prior approval had been given to Texas Team Trail's final tournament, but due to an oversight, the qualifying tournament had been left off the last meeting. The tournament is asking \$10,000 for the two-day event. On a motion by Director Dally with a second from Director Meaux, the Board unanimously approved the request and it was to be placed on a sliding scale with the maximum award if the tournament produces 650 - 700 anglers.

Cabela's Colligate Fishing Tournament: Careco T.V. is sponsoring the Cabela's Colligate Fishing Tournament and has requested funding in the amount of \$7,500 for a two-day tournament held on February 10-11. The tournament is to draw 200 anglers. On a motion by Director Dally with a second by Director Burke a motion with a unanimous vote of the Board, the tournament will be funded in the amount of \$2,500.

Keith Combs and Bass Nation Funding request and appeal: The Board was informed that Bass Nation was paid \$1,000 based on the funding scale approved earlier.

Shane Campbell, Tackle Addict owner and manager, was present to present an appeal for the Keith Combs tournament funding request. The initial request indicated a draw of from 550 to 600 fishermen which would result in a payment of \$4,300. The tournament drew 319 fishermen which was resulted in no financial support because it was lower than the funding scale allowed. Mr. Campbell explained that Hurricane Harvey was the main reason that the participation was so low and ask if the Board would consider funding half the amount because the Tournament drew half the number of fishermen initially projected.

Director Collins also added that this funding schedule was different than the others because half the projected number of participants generally resulted in approximately half the initial financial request. After some deliberation, the Board decided to fund the tournament in the amount of \$2,750 on a motion by Director Meaux with a second from Director Dally and a unanimous vote of the Board.

Real-Em-In Bass Tournament: Craig Deshon, Needmore Tackle, wasn't present to present his tournament details and no action was taken on this item.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Texas Tournament Zone: The Board was presented with a funding request from TTZ for a tournament on March 24, 2018. Since there wasn't an estimated number of participants, and this request wasn't on the action items, the Board made the following directives to obtain before a formal decision was made. The Board wanted to know the exact number of participants estimated by the tournament director, and to review a funding schedule before a formal decision was made. Director Collins was given the charge and is to report back to the Board for formal action.

Interest Rates on District's CD: Director Meaux questioned the Board about pursuing a higher interest rate on the District's CD. He projected that there is an approximate 1% difference compared to what the District could make by going to the open market. Director Collins was to pursue this information through the bookkeeper and the District's attorney and report back to the Board.

Visitor Survey: Director Dally presented a visitor survey he would like to distribute to the Chamber and various businesses within the District to determine the financial impact the fishing tournaments and other activities have on their operations. The survey would not cost the District and Director Dally would be responsible for collecting the data and reporting back to the Board.

No formal action was taken, but the Board thought it was an excellent approach to determining the impact of the Board's funding efforts to draw tourism to the area.

Other Items:

There being no other business to come before the Board, it adjourned on a motion by Director Burke with a second from Director Dally and a unanimous vote of the Board at 10:45 a.m.