

JASPER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of Jasper County Development District No.1 will hold a special meeting on December 4, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at Rayburn Resort Club House, 2376 Wingate Blvd., Brookeland, Texas, inside the boundaries of the District, to discuss and act upon the following items:

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board has adopted H.B. 2840 and set a time limit of 3 minutes for comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Certification of meeting notice

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the October 16, 2023

EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

3. Reimbursement \$12.99 for postage to Director Dally

Financial Report

4. Southside Bank Balance
5. Estimated Expenditures 2023 and 2024

Conflict of Interest

6. Director's yearly conflict of interest forms.

ACTION ITEMS

7. Consideration of HOBIE Tournament Request.
8. Consideration of Chamber of Commerce Funding Request.
9. Consideration of Southeast Texas High School Tournament.
10. Set next meeting date.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

11. Update from Emergency Service District #4
12. Rayburn Recreation District Update – Director Wise
13. Umphrey Family Pavilion Report.
14. Items as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

HOLLY THOMAS, COUNTY CLERK
JASPER COUNTY, TEXAS

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MINUTES OF JASPER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

December 4, 2023

The Board of Directors of the Jasper County Development District No. 1 (the District) held a special meeting open to the public on December 4, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at the Rayburn Resort, 2376 Wingate Blvd Brookeland, Jasper County Texas, inside the boundaries of the District and the role was called of the duly appointed members of the Board.

BOARD MEMBERS:

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| Brent Meaux, President | Present |
| Randall Dally, Vice President | Present |
| Lisa Wise, Secretary | Present |
| Jimmy Castino | Present |
| Ray Beck | Absent |

Others in attendance: Brenda Job Pavilion Board Member, Seth Martindale Jasper County Commissioner Precinct #1.

CALL TO ORDER:

Director Meaux called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comments from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

CERTIFICATION OF MEETING NOTICE:

Director Dally presented the meeting posting certification.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

No corrections were made to the October 16, 2024, minutes.

EXPENSE REINBURSEMENT:

Director Dally submitted the postage log in the amount of \$12.99.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Director Dally reported the bank balance at Southside Bank as of November 26, 2023, was \$226,858.14. A deposit of \$700.45 had been made after the above date, and no check were written. Director Dally also included the worksheets he uses to estimate expenses for 2023 and 2024 and noted they were not official documents for the Board's review.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORMS:

Board Members in attendance completed Form CIS from the Secretary of State office to be on file with the Board. No Board Members in attendance had any conflicts.

MOTION TO PASS THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Director Wise to pass the consent agenda. Seconded by Director Castino. Passed unanimously with Director Dally abstaining on his reimbursement.

ACTION ITEMS

CONSIDERATION OF HOBIE TOURNAMENT:

The Board reviewed the application from Hobie to have a kayak tournament Feb 10 – 11 2024 and would use the Rayburn Resort Facility on the lake as the Pavilion was booked that weekend. The amount requested was \$4,500 with an addition \$500 if 101 to 150 participants, an additional \$500 for 151 to 170 participants, and an additional \$500 for over 171 participants. The Board discussed encouraging use of the river below the dam (a dam-to-dam tournament) in the future.

Motion by Director Castino to approve the funding request as submitted. Seconded by Director Dally and passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING REQUEST BY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

The Board reviewed the request by the Chamber for the request of \$15,000 for funding the Chamber and their continued support of the lake area. Both Director Meaux and Director Dally are past presidents of the Chamber, as was Brenda Job from the Pavilion Board and recognize that the Chamber is really the contact point for tourism in the area, and the District lists the Chamber phone number on the Visit Lake Sam Rayburn Website. Director Castino asked if the request was budgeted or the effect on the Budget. Director Dally stated that the District had about \$14,000 for the Rayburn Rec District that was handled by the Chamber and since it would be beneficial to the Rec District to use that funding for the balance. Director Meaux presented the Board with an application from several years ago when Paul Smith was the Chamber Director for \$8,000 and the Chamber has not asked for funding for three or four years. Director Meaux had talked with Beverly Holley the Chamber Director that future funding requests should be presented earlier in the year. Director Dally said it was his understanding there was a small shortfall in the Chambers budget for the year.

Motion by Director Dally to fund the Chamber \$10,000 from the Recreational District Budget. Seconded by Director Castino. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF THE SOUTHEAST TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL FISHING TOURNAMENT:

The Board reviewed the request for funding of 6 tournaments this upcoming year for \$30,000 or \$5,000 a tournament day. Director Dally noted that in past years the funding had been \$5,000 for a tournament day, and this year an extra day was added. There will be two tournaments that are two days. Director Dally noted that in the past the District has not paid for polygraph fees as the District felt that was a responsibility and requirement of the tournament.

Motion by Director Wise to fund the Southeast High School Tournaments for \$30,000 with a note that District funding could not be used for polygraph tests. Seconded by Director Castino. Passed unanimously.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE:

Director Dally stated there was not any urgent business, and something came up a special meeting for that item could be called. Director Dally felt a February meeting would allow Ms. Herbst to attend with the latest financials as well as the District Investment Policy. The Board then discussed the time and felt the 9:30 a.m. start worked the best for the Board. The Board then set the next meeting for February 12, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

UPDATE FROM EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #4:

Commissioner Martindale addressed the Board that there were a lot of moving parts happening in the ESD#4 right now but nothing had been finalized at this time, but should be finalized shortly. Due to the ongoing negotiations no further information was available.

RAYBURN RECREATION DISTRICT UPDATE:

Director Wise stated the Chamber had participated in the State Fair of Texas with satisfactory results and interest in the Recreational District. Discussion on next year's fair was ongoing. Interest is growing in kayaking below the Dam as well.

UMPHREY PAVILION UPDATE:

Ms. Job stated the new dock should be in by the end of the year. The Pavilion purchased a car cover and moved the equipment under it which opened the smaller pavilion for rental. Next year the Pavilion will celebrate 20 years and on January 16 a celebration is being planned. The Pavilion is also planning a "Toast the New Year" as well as a game night at the pavilion. Sunrise Easter Service is also being planned. The Sam Rayburn Merchants Association will be at the Beaumont Boat Show February 2 – 4.

ITEMS AS PRESENTED:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Director Castino moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 a.m. Director Wise seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.