

## **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 February 17, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Raymond Catholic Church, Fellowship Hall, 283 FM 1007, 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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2. Approval of minutes from November 18, 2019 & December 10, 2019

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

3. Bank account balance

### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Randall Dally reimburse Domain expense of \$46.97

Gary Collins reimburse postage and various expenses \$20.86

### **ACTION ITEMS**

4. Adopt budget for 2020
5. Adopt Investment Policy for 2020
6. Complete Yearly Conflict of Interest Statement
7. Reoccurring Bills Recommendations and Resolution
8. Sealy's Fall Shootout Funding Request
9. Rat-L-Trap Funding Request
10. High School Fishing Funding Request for 2020
11. Shane, Chance and others addressing dead water Bass Champs
12. Report on FLW and related items regarding contract
13. Consideration of usage fee for meeting facilities and related expenses
14. Letter to VRBO recommendation to turn proceedings over to attorney
15. Recap and Review of RCA, RCR, Troon and JCDD efforts

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

15. Other item as presented for discussion
16. Adjournment

**MINUTES OF JASPER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1**  
**February 17, 2020**

The Board of Directors of the Jasper County Development District No. 1 (the District) held a special meeting, open to the public, on February 17, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at the St. Raymond's Catholic Church Fellowship Hall, 283 FM 1007, Jasper County, 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, President	Present
Brent Meaux, Secretary	Present
Randall Dally, Vice President	Present
Jimmy Castino	Present
Molly Thacker	Present

Others in attendance were: Chance Shoop, owner Rayburn Inn; Shane Campbell, Tackle Addict and Umphrey Pavilion Board member; Ray Beck, Umphrey Pavilion Board member and Rayburn Country Association Board Member.

**CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE**

Director 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, and Piney Point Plaza.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items on the Consent Agenda were approved on a motion by Director Castino with a second from Director Thacker with a unanimous vote of the Board except on payment of bills. When payment was considered to Director Collins and Dally, each abstained when the payment vote was considered and acted upon respectively.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes from November 18, 2019 and December 10, 2019

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Director Collins informed the Board that the financial reports from Phyllis Herbst would be deliver to them upon arrival. The mail was apparently delayed because of the holiday.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

Director Dally presented invoiced for the yearly Domain expense of \$46.97  
Director Collins presented invoices for postage and related expenses from November 18, 2019 through February 17, 2020 in the amount of \$20.86.

**ACTION ITEMS****Approval of the 2020 Annual Budget and Investment Policy:**

The Board adopted the same budget and investment policy for 2020 as was observed in 2019 until, and if a workshop was warranted, for amendments resulting from the closure of Rayburn Country amenities owned by Rayburn Redevelopment. The revenue loss from those amenities will range from \$25,000 to \$35,000. The Board will not be able to determine the impact of the shortfall until a comparison is made from first quarter financial returns. The motion was made by Director Dally with a second from Director Castino with a unanimous vote of the Board.

**Yearly Conflict of Interest Statements:**

During the first yearly JCDD Board meeting, members are required to file a Conflict of Interest statement indicating any business interest or involvement in other activities that would require them from casting an unbiased vote on a item that may be considered for action by the Board. These statements will be made a part the minutes of the Board. It was noted that no Board member indicated a known conflict at this time.

**Reoccurring Bills and Recommendations Resolution:**

On a motion by Director Dally with a second from Director Meaux, the Board unanimously approved a resolution giving Director Collins authorization to make payment on reoccurring items relating to operating costs and related activities of the District.

**Sealy's Fall Shootout Funding Request:**

The Fall Shootout Tournament is scheduled at the same time as Jasper's Fall Festival and has increased in number of participants since the initial fishing tournament. The request was made for \$12,500 which is the same amount that has been funded in the past, and last year over 800 fishermen participated. The request was approved on a motion by Director Dally with a second from Director Castino and a unanimous vote of the Board.

**Rat-L-Trap Funding Request:**

Wes Higgins of Rat-L-Trap lures requested \$3,000 to off set tournament expenses for conducting RLT Tournament the day after the FLW Cowboy Division fishing tournament held during January. The Board has funded this tournament for a number of years with the same financial obligation. The request was approved on a motion by Director Meaux with a second from Director Dally with a unanimous vote of the Board.

**SETEX Fishing Tournament Request:**

The Southeast Texas High School Fishing Tournament request funding 5 tournaments again in 2020. This is the same request the Board has honored in the past and the funding has allowed them to grow the tournament into the largest high school tournament in the State and possibly the Nation. The participation has averaged 500 teams on each occasion in the last couple of years and it is anticipated the same will occur this year. The request for \$25,000 was approved on a motion by Director Dally with a second from Director Castino with a unanimous vote of the Board.

**Presentation by District Residents:**

Chance Shoop, Shane Campbell and Ray Beck were present to present the Board with data relating to the number of participants during each fishing tournament relating to JCDD funding. After some discussion about the exact data details to be provided, a data format was established. This data, when compiles, would provide the Board with the tournaments that produce the greatest tax revenue to the District through multi-day participation and over-night stays. This will allow the Board to make decisions that would maximize expenditure of funds for activities conducted within the District. No action was required on this item.

**Report of FLW Tour Event:**

Director Collins informed the Board that the FLW Tour Even was successful again this year. The addition District expense required by the contract was the rental of the Special Events Center on Hwy. 96, and the hiring of policemen to help with the parking during the general meeting. FLW indicated they would not return with this division next year, but would surely be back at a later date. They presented the District a trophy indicating their appreciation for hosting the event.

**Consideration of Usage Fees and Related Expenses:**

Director Collins informed the Board of its obligated to pay for the meeting space provided at the Catholic Church along with duplicating expenses, if any provided, by Rayburn Country Association. This is due to the closing of the Rayburn Country amenities by Rayburn Redevelopment. These will be considered reoccurring expenses and paid as incurred under the adopted procedures noted above.

**Letter to VRBO on Collection of Tax Revenue from Rental Property:**

The Board was presented with material indicating properties within the District that are rented through VRBO for which there are no hotel tax money collected. A certified letter was sent to VRBO, by Director Collins, asking them to inform their clients of their obligation to pay such a tax to the County Treasurer on behalf of the JCDD. They were asked to respond within 30 days informing Director Collins of their efforts to assist in the tax collection. To date there has been no response from VRBO. In an effort to have the property owners submit their tax payment, and VRBO to assist in that process, the Board referred the matter to the Jasper County District Director Meaux is to meet with the District Attorney to get this process moving forward. A motion by Director Dally with a second from Director Meaux and a unanimous vote of the Board was made to formally approve this decision.

**Review of RCA, RCR, Troon and JCDD:**

Director Collins mentioned to the Board that he was unaware of any additional conversations between RCA and RCR about reopening the amenities. After a short discussion, it was mentioned that one last attempt should be made by JCDD through Troon to explore possibilities regarding providing RCR amenities to the Rayburn Community residents. Director Meaux was directed by the Board to contact Jeff Thomason of Troon and discuss the possibility of arranging a conference between all parties before too many weeks pass without a resolution between parties.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS;**

There were no discussion items before the Board so it adjourned on a motion by Director Thacker with a second from Director Meaux with a unanimous vote of the Board at 11:05 a.m.