

## 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 27, 2023 at 9:30 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:

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Certification of meeting notice

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the December 23, 2022 Meeting

### EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

3. Reimbursement of \$365.01 to Director Dally for postage and website expense.

### Financial Report

4. Southside Bank
5. Accountants Report
6. Projected estimated expenditures FY 2023

### ACTION ITEMS

7. Consideration and adoption of District Budget for Fiscal Year 2023.
8. Consideration and adoption of District Investment Policy and Investment Officer.
9. Consideration of Southeast Texas Coaching Clinic funding request.
10. Consideration of Southeast Texas High School Tournament funding request.
11. Consideration of FLW funding Request.
12. Consideration of United Way United Reel Tournament.
13. Consideration of Brandan Belt Tournament.
14. Discussion on commissioning of a District Logo.
15. Discussion and update on Expedia Lawsuit.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

16. Umphrey Family Pavilion Report.
17. Rayburn Recreation District – Director Wise.
18. Texas Travel Alliance Unity Dinner and Capital Converge – Director Dally.
19. HOBIE Tournament.
20. FLW Cowboy Division Tournament
21. Fishers of Men 2026 Tournament.
22. Items as presented.

### ADJOURNMENT

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**MINUTES OF THE JASPER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1**  
**February 27, 2023**

The Board of Directors of the Jasper County Development District No. 1 held a special meeting, open to the public on February 27, 2023, called to order at 9:30 a.m. at Rayburn Resort Club House 2376 Wingate Blvd. Brookeland, Texas 75931 located within the District. The roll was called of the duly appointed members of the Board to discuss and act on the following items:

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Brent Meaux	President	Present
Randall Dally	Vice President	Present
Lisa Wise	Secretary	Present
Jimmy Castino	Member	Present
Ray Beck	Member	Present

In attendance was Phyliss Herbst the District's accountant, and Brenda Job Umphrey Family Pavilion.

**CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE:**

Director Dally presented the Certification of Public Notice.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the December 23, 2022 minutes were presented with no corrections.

**EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT**

Director Dally presented expenses for reimbursement for \$5.49 in postage and \$359.52 for website hosting (2 years) and yearly domain renewal (3 domains) for a total of \$365.01.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Director Dally stated the balance in the bank was \$251,887.13 as of February 26, 2023 with a very minor check about \$50.00 to deposit and a pending payment from the County Treasurer in the near future.

Ms. Herbst presented the Board with the Districts activities from 2019 thru 2022 and explained her report to the Board. The ending numbers differed from the current balance as the report does not reflect activity in 2023.

Director Dally presented the Board with an estimated spending for the Fiscal Year 2023 of \$132,025 in tourism activities and \$11,500 in Board operation for a total of \$143,525.

Motion by Director Beck to accept the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Director Wise and the motion carried unanimously with Director Dally abstaining on his reimbursement.

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

### **CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE DISTRICT BUDGET FOR FY 2023**

Ms. Herbst presented the Board with a budget for the Fiscal Year 2023 of income consisting of \$125,000 in occupancy tax, \$165,000 in Sales Tax, and \$1,300 in interest income for a total of \$291,300. Ms. Herbst stated the budget had been raised based on previous years history of income. Expenditures are budgeted for \$279,750 in tourism and projects, and \$11,550 for District operation (Legal fees, audit fees, accounting fee's etc.) for a total of \$291,300. Director Dally made the motion to accept the budget as presented. Motion was seconded by Director Castino. Motion passed unanimously.

### **CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE DISTRICT INVESTMENT POLICY AND OFFICER**

Ms. Herbst has been the District's investment officer since the formation of the District in 2005 and the District adopted the investment policy at that time and has not changed the policy. Director Meaux asked about the District's Certificate of Deposit and Director Dally stated it had been cashed in to fund the clinic loan, which would be fully repaid in the next couple of months. Ms. Herbst explained the District's investment in TEXPOOL and how TEXPOOL operated and was currently paying 4.244% in interest. The Board discussed the checking account balance and the benefit of short-term investing part of the balance in either a CD of TEXPOOL. Director Dally felt that TEXPOOL offered the best short-term investment due to the rate and the ability to withdraw funds immediately. Director Wise made the motion to accept the investment policy for FY 2023, to appoint Ms. Phyliss Herbst the District Investment Officer and to authorize the transfer of \$100,000 from the Districts checking account to TEXPOOL. Motion was seconded by Director Castino. Motion passed unanimously and President Meaux and Secretary Wise signed the appropriate documents.

### **CONSIDERATION OF SOUTHEAST TEXAS COACHING CLINIC REQUEST**

Coach Brandon Prouse has revamped the former Coach Barbay clinic and has expanded it to more coaches and schools, has expanded the guest speakers and activities to be held at either Rayburn Resort or Marina. The Board discussed the increase amount from the \$2,500 that had been traditionally funded in the past compared to the expanded proposed clinic. Director Castino made the motion to fund up to \$4,000 for the clinic. Seconded by Director Wise and the motion passed unanimously.

### **CONSIDERATION OF THE SOUTHEAST TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL FISHING**

Director Beck gave some brief history of the shakeup in leadership at the tournament and issues that occurred last year with failing to apply for funding until the fall for tournaments already fished. The Board in their August 3, 2020 meeting had approved payment up to \$20,000 with the stipulation no payment would be made in 2023 unless an application was received and approved. Director Dally stated he received the first of two applications approximately one month before the first tournament, which did not meet the District's 90-day window before a tournament. An amended application was received about 20 days later reflecting a reduction in tournaments due to a request from the Pavilion to free up one of the scheduled tournament weekend. Director Dally had placed a copy of the minutes as well as an application in the check he mailed to SE Texas High School Fishing. The Board discussed the tournament and if a reduction in funding should be considered.

Motion by Director Dally to fund the requested amount of \$10,000. Seconded by Director Beck. Motion passed unanimously. Director Meaux will write an email or letter requesting all future requests be timely.

### **CONSIDERATION OF FLW FUNDING REQUEST**

Director Beck explained this is the "big boy" tournament of FLW and features many top anglers and brings an enormous amount of publicity including TV shows featuring the area, lake and the tournament. Director Dally explained that this tournament has fished twice before and donated the use of many of the District's website [visitlakesamrayburn.com](http://visitlakesamrayburn.com) pictures. The tournament will also request about \$10,000 from the City HOT money to cover meeting and security expenses, and this is basically a tournament that handles logistics on their own. Motion by Director Castino to fund the tournament for \$45,000. Seconded by Director Wise. Motion carried unanimously.

### **CONSIDERATION OF UNITED WAY TOURNAMENT**

Director Dally explained the District had funded the tournament last year on a sliding scale and that it was very well received. Motion by Director Castino to fund the tournament on the same scale as last year. Seconded by Director Wise. Motion carried unanimously.

### **CONSIDERATION OF BRANDAN BELT TOURNAMENT**

Director Beck stated this was the second year for this tournament and that last year it had been at Cassels Boykin Park and the event wanted to move to the Umphrey Pavilion facility this year and the SE Texas High School tournament had moved their tournament to make this happen. The turn out for the event was not as hoped and that some learning curve issues had popped up. Director Dally informed the Board that this application was also received late. The Board discussed the tournament format and the amount requested. Director Dally made the motion to fund the tournament in the amount of \$9.00 per participant or \$18.00 per team. Seconded by Director Castino. Motion passed unanimously.

### **CONSIDERATION OF COMMISSIONING A DISTRICT LOGO**

Director Dally placed this item on the agenda as the District is asked many times to supply a logo for activities it funds. If the Board wished to fund a logo Director Dally felt that approaching the local schools and offering the job to the art students of those schools to design a logo and the Board heartily agreed with this thought. With Ms. Job commenting that the Pavilion needed a logo as well the Board expanded it to cover the Pavilion as well. Director Castino volunteered to work with Director Dally on this project. Motion by Director Beck to proceed with the logo project. Seconded by Director Castino. Motion carried unanimously.

### **DISCUSSION AND UPDATE ON EXPEDIA LAWSUIT**

Director Dally informed the Board of the discussion with the District's Attorney on the lawsuit and current payments to the County Treasurer. Director Dally is working on an audit of the VRBO website (owned by Expedia) and there are still many non-compliant listings, and possibly some listings that had an account with the Treasurer but had never made a tax payment and had active reviews on their listing.

Director Dally felt in those cases the District needed to look into an audit and needed to identify an auditor and review all the information with the District's Attorney. Motion by Director Meaux to authorize Director Meaux and Director Dally to meet with the District's Attorney as needed for the purpose of the lawsuit. Seconded by Director Wise. Passed unanimously.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

### **UMPHREY FAMILY PAVILION REPORT**

Ms. Job updated the Board on the Pavilion Board and that the Pavilion was undergoing a site review by the Corps of Engineers to insure the facility was in good working condition and upholding the lease agreement that is in the County's name. Ms. Job discussed a payment received by the Pavilion that had been reduced from \$500 to \$250 by the District. Director Beck expressed his concern about the reduction as well. Director Dally stated the payment was made according to the District's scale of payment for tournaments. The Board tabled discussion on the payment until the next meeting where it will be placed as an action item and Director Dally can do some research.

### **RAYBURN RECREATION DISTRICT REPORT**

Director Wise stated that pickle ball and outdoor activities were picking up this spring. The Chamber was working on staffing the booth at the Beaumont Home and Garden show and was working on showcasing the activities at the lake. Director Wise stated that Rayburn Resort had reworked the pickle ball courts and that classes would be returning to the courts.

### **TEXAS TRAVEL ALLIANCE UNITY DINNER UPDATE**

Director Dally shared the information on tourism and one pager's on what the Texas Travel Alliance was supporting in the tourism industry. Director Dally met with staffers from Senator Nichols office asking for his support on tourism.

### **HOBIE TOURNAMENT**

Director Dally updated the Board that he had received an application for funding after the cutoff time for this meeting agenda and that it would be on the next agenda for consideration.

### **FLW COWBOY DIVISION TOURNAMENT**

Director Dally stated he had not received a funding request from this organization that the District has funded in the past. The District had the same issue last year and very possibly the application had been sent to Director Collins email, of which the District does not have access to. Director Beck will follow up on this tournament.

### **FISHERS OF MEN 2026 TOURNAMENT**

Director Dally informed the Board he had requested an application for consideration and included the information given to him as well as the Board's consideration in 2014. Director Wise gave Director Dally an application that had been sent to her, and to Ms. Job but not to Director Dally. The tournament will be placed on the next agenda for consideration.

## **OTHER ITEMS PRESENTED**

Director Meaux asked that joining the Texas Forest Partnership be placed on the next agenda for consideration as well as funding the Rayburn Recreational District membership to give a one two punch on tourism in our area and counter Toledo Bend and other areas. Director Dally stated the Board had previously authorized joining the Partnership but never had been sent an invoice and that membership would be a reoccurring bill already authorized. Director Dally also suggested that if the Recreational District wanted to join they could and request reimbursement from funding already approved by the District.

Director Dally reminded the Board of an email received from the District's auditors concerning if any known fraud was occurring with the District. This is a typical letter and no response would be needed by any Board member unless applicable.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business Director Castino made the motion to adjourn at 11:35 a.m. Director Beck seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.