

## 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 Monday, October 5, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at Rayburn Resort Club House, 212 Country Club Blvd., Bookeland, 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 minutes from February 17, 2020

### FINANCIAL REPORT

3. Financial Report

### PAYMENT OF BILLS

4. Gary Collins invoices for postage and related items

### ACTION ITEMS

5. Approval of Printer Purchase to Director Collins
6. Review and approval of Outlaw Outdoor Funding request for 2021 Tournament Trail
7. Request for funding from Rayburn Resorts
8. Request from FLW for High School Open Event

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. Other item as presented for discussion
10. Adjournment

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JASPER COUNTY, TEXAS

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**MINUTES OF JASPER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1**  
**October 5, 2020**

The Board of Directors of the Jasper County Development District No. 1 (the District) held a special meeting, open to the public, on October 5, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rayburn Resort, 212 Country Club Blvd., 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**

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| Gary Collins, President       | Present |
| Brent Meaux, Secretary        | Present |
| Randall Dally, Vice President | Present |
| Jimmy Castino                 | Present |
| Molly Thacker                 | Present |

Others in attendance were: Joe Penland, Jr. Rayburn Resort owner.

**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, Piney Point Plaza and Rayburn Resort Club House.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes from February 17, 2020 were approved on a motion by Director Dally with a second from Director Meaux with a unanimous vote of the Board.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Phyllis Herbst presented the Board with a financial report on annual revenues from 2019 and 2020, list of District projects from its inception to 10/5/20, investment report for the quarter ending March 31, 2020, investment report for the quarter ended June 30, 2020 and draft budget for the nine months ending September 30, 2020. The report indicated a cash balance of \$157,200.89 in the Southside Bank, and \$64,800.88 invested with TexPool. The report indicated hotel tax less for 2020 than 2019 and sales tax greater for 2020 than 2019. With additional revenue anticipated in both categories for the rest of the 2020 calendar year.

After a short review and discussion, the Board accepted the report on a motion by Director Dally with a second from Director Castino with a unanimous vote of the Board.

## **PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

Director Collins presented invoices for postage and related expenses from February 18, 2020 through October 5, 2020 in the amount of \$92.20. Over \$70 of the expenses related to certified letters sent to owners of rental property using VRBO as their rental agent. The letters informed the property owners they were liable for hotel tax in the amount of 7% of the rental amount because VRBO wasn't collecting the tax on their behalf. After a review of the expenses, the Board approved the payment of \$92.20 on a motion by Director Dally with a second from Director Catino with votes in favor from all members except Director Collins who abstained.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Sale of Printer / Scanner:**

Director Dally mentioned to the Board that the District had purchased a printer / scanner several years ago and it has remained in the box, unused. It had been offered to the Pavilion, but they had one in place. In the interim, Director Collins' printer stopped working and he was looking for one to purchase. The District's printer/scanner was offered to him for a price of \$50, which he accepted. The printer/scanner was originally purchased at Best Buy in Lufkin for a sale price of \$100. The equipment will be used in printing District material and other correspondence, plus his own person use. The Board approved the sale on a motion by Director Meaux with a second from Director Thacker with all members voting in favor except Director Collins who abstained.

### **Review of Funding Request from Outlaw Outdoors:**

The Board was presented with a funding request from Outlaw Outdoors in the amount of \$7,500 plus Pavilion fees for 7 tournaments during the 2021 fishing season starting in January and ending in November. The Chamber of Commerce has donated \$7,500 to cover the expense on the first 5 tournaments. After some discussion by the Board, it was determined the District would not only be obligated for the Pavilion fees on the tournaments it sponsored, but for those the Chamber sponsored as well. After review of the full financial commitment, the Board decided to provide only \$5,000 plus pavilion fees instead of the \$7,500 requested. The motion was made by Director Meaux with a second from Director Thacker with a unanimous vote of the Board.

**Request from Rayburn Resorts:**

Joe Penland, Jr. was present to present a publicity plan for Rayburn resorts and the area in the amount of \$35,000. He provided an overview of the scope of the Rayburn project and his vision for attracting visitors to the area for recreation purposes. The Board then outlined the guidelines for funding an advertising commitment. It had to focus on the golf course rather than other items and activities that might be offered by Rayburn Resorts, such as the restaurant, pool and activity center. The dollars from the District can't be dedicated to individual properties without mentioning all properties that have similar accommodations such as hotels, rental property, and restaurant facilities. The advertising must be golf course specific and focus on the Lake Rayburn area as a whole. Mr. Penland said he understood the requirement and would design his advertising as such. He was also informed that the funding would be paid on an invoice basis. Once the invoice was received by the District, and reviewed to determine if it fell within the guidelines, the money for the advertising would be reimbursed.

There being no other questions to come before the Board regarding this issue the request of \$35,000 was approved on a motion by Director Meaux with a second from Director Castino with a unanimous vote of the Board.

**Request from FLW for College and High School Open Fishing Event:**

FLW presented a request on a sliding scale for the College and High School Open Fishing Event to be held on Lake Rayburn on November 13, 2020. The maximum draw was estimated between 175 to 200 teams. The maximum funding requested was \$3,5000 with a minimum about request of \$1,500 for under 100 teams. The request was approved on a motion by Director Dally with a second from Director Meaux with a unanimous vote of the Board.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:****Lawsuit with VRBO:**

Director Collins informed the Board that the attorneys are discussing the details regarding the lawsuit over the hotel taxes VRBO did not collect on their rental properties within the boundaries of the District. The amount filed in the lawsuit was \$75,000. In the event the case went to Court, it would be heard in Jasper. He informed the Board that they should have a decision by the end of October.

**MLF Fishing, Proposed Budget, Annual Investment Policy:**

The Board was informed that this information on the MLF funding request arrived too late to make the agenda deadline and it would be necessary to call another meeting within the next couple of weeks. In addition to those items, the Board added and annual audit, the Pavilion Facility Expansion and a counter offer from Outdoor Outdoors, plus any other items that may arrive before the meeting.

There being no other business to come before the Board, they adjourned on a motion by Director Thacker with a second from Director Meaux and a unanimous vote of the Board at 11:17 am.