

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 October 16, 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:

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
2. Oath of Office for Director Castino
3. Reorganization of the Board

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. Approval of the September 25, 2023

EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

5. Reimbursement

Financial Report

6. Southside Bank Balance
7. Projected Outlays District Funds 2023 and 2024.

ACTION ITEMS

8. Consideration of Pavilion request for an increase in Quarterly Stipend.
9. Consideration and review of Outlaw Outdoor tournaments and sliding scale for Outlaw Outdoor tournaments in 2024.
10. Consideration of MLF calendar sponsorship.
11. Consideration of MLF Cowboy Tournaments for 2024.
12. Approval to pay reoccurring District Bills in Fiscal Year 2024.
13. Set next meeting date.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

14. Update from Emergency Service District #4
15. Rayburn Recreation District Update – Director Wise
16. Umphrey Family Pavilion Report.
17. Items as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

HOLLY THOMAS, COUNTY CLERK
JASPER COUNTY, TEXAS

FILED OCT-10 2023
Christine Webb

By _____
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MINUTES OF JASPER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

October 16, 2023

The Board of Directors of the Jasper County Development District No. 1 (the District) held a special meeting open to the public on October 26, 2023, at 9:30 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:

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

Others in attendance: Mike Wheatly Pavilion Board Member, Brenda Job Pavilion Board Member, Bryan Chambers and Monica Derby.

CALL TO ORDER:

Director Meaux called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Chambers asked if there was a calendar on the Pavilion website that showed when the tournaments and events were scheduled at the Pavilion. Ms. Job explained the Pavilion did not have a website and some tournament dates were confidential until the tournament schedule was posted. Mr. Chambers said he had emailed Director Dally with the question and Director Dally stated he had contacted the Chamber, and that information could be emailed to the Chamber and they would be happy to add it to the Chamber's calendar and that it would be easier than having multiple calendars by every organization. Director Dally stated he had put links on both the District's website to the calendar on the Chambers website and suggested the Pavilion email monthly or quarterly events to the Chamber.

CONSENT AGENDA

CERTIFICATION OF MEETING NOTICE:

Director Dally presented the meeting posting certification.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Director Wise gave the oath of office to Director Castino.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD:

No changes were made to the officers of the Board.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

No corrections were made to the minutes of the September 25, 2023, meeting.

EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT:

No expenses were submitted to the Board.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Director Dally reported that on the date the Board packet was prepared the balance at Southside Bank was \$258,287.02. Since that date there were deposits of \$6,622.30 from occupancy tax, and \$13,672.10 in sales tax. Outstanding checks totaled \$48,370.00.

Director Dally stated the projected District outlays attached were a non-official document that he used in keeping track of approved and paid expenses for the District. Director Castino noted the 2024 report had outstanding expenses of \$218,000 and Director Dally noted that the 2024 report had paid expenses of about \$156,000 and outstanding expenses of about \$151,000.

Motion by Director Wise to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Director Castino and passed unanimously with Director Castino abstaining on the minutes.

ACTION ITEMS

CONSIDERATION OF PAVILION REQUEST FOR AN INCREASE IN QUARTERLY STIPEND

Ms. Job presented the Board with an updated budget for the Pavilion for 2023 and 2024 along with future projects as well as a calendar of work for the Pavilion in 2024. Ms. Job felt with a \$4,000 increase per quarter that the Pavilion could complete the future projects and show a small amount to be held in reserve. Ms. Job noted that the District Board felt that the Pavilion needed to be run more like a business and in agreement was reviewing financial reports and expenses to be more in that line. Director Meaux noted the repairs to the caretaker house and Ms. Job said the Pavilion was looking at repairs or possible replacement and other options. Director Dally thanked Ms. Job for the work on presenting a budget and more information about the pavilion expenses which had not been forthcoming in previous years. Director Dally asked if the critical repairs had been done and Ms. Job confirmed that they had. Director Dally noted he was not in favor of stipends as they took away the need to market the Pavilion more to bring in more income, such as holiday parking when there as no event at the Pavilion and noted Ms. Job had mentioned that before. However, Director Dally did acknowledge that there would always been a need to support the Pavilion outside of tournament fees and that an increase in the stipend would eliminate the constant small project requests and critical repairs. Ms. Job stated the Pavilion had started looking at events on weekdays or on months where no events were scheduled and negotiating the fees for those events. Director Castino also thanked Ms. Job for the work on the transparency of the Pavilion finances as he had too never seen a budget or income statement from the Pavilion. Director Beck stated that the caretakers house was in poor shape and that repairs or replacement was needed. Director Wise also stated her appreciation.

Director Dally made the motion to increase the stipend to \$10,000 per quarter paid following the end of the quarter for Fiscal 2024 with the increase due in the April 2024 billing. Seconded by Director Beck and passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND REVIEW OF OUTLAW OUTDOOR TOURNAMENT AND SLIDING SCALE:

Director Beck felt that the District was overpaying for the Outlaw Outdoor Tournaments with the off limits imposed before the tournaments that were keeping the participants from being on the lake before the tournament as well as the tournament being a trailering tournament and a participant could not even show up at all in the District area to fish in the tournament. Director Dally commented that most one-day tournaments were a low payback for the District and the level of the tournament was also a factor with participants working, in school etc. Trailering was also discussed as a factor with the size of the tournament as well as weather conditions being a factor.

Director Dally stated that in the previous year he did not have access to the sliding scale and discussed with Director Meaux when the invoice was presented, and the invoice was paid on the total of all the

tournaments with an average of 224 participants per tournament and the suggested scale for 2024 would use the same method. The Board felt that it needed to review the payment for smaller and off-limit tournaments and Director Beck and Director Wise would take up the study and report back to the board.

Director Castino made the motion to use Option 1 sliding scale (based on a number of total participants for all 9 tournaments). Seconded by Director Wise and passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF MLF CALENDAR SPONSORSHIP:

Director Meaux had been contacted by Chris Hoover from MLF about sponsoring a page of the print and online calendar for 2024. The cost for the ad was \$2,500 and would be mailed out to several thousand members of MLF. Director Meaux stated it would be the logo's of the Chamber, City of Jasper (co-sponsoring the 2024 MLF Tournament) with the District anchoring the ad.

Motion by Director Dally to approve the ad. Seconded by Director Castino and passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF MLF COWBOY TOURNAMENTS IN 2024

Director Dally presented the funding requests for 3 tournaments in 2024 at \$5,000 per tournament plus pavilion fees. The District had generally sponsored 2 cowboy tournaments per year and the amount had always been \$5,000. Director Beck asked if MLF was paid on a sliding scale and Director Dally said they had not, and as far as he knew never had as MLF had always accurately projected participation and even though these are one day tournaments have always performed well. Asked if there were other tournaments that were not on a sliding scale, Director Dally stated there were a couple that came to mind, which were Sealy Fall Tournament and the Southeast Texas High School.

Motion by Director Castino to approve the three tournaments and pavilion fees. Seconded by Director Wise and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL TO PAY REOCCURRING BILLS IN FISCAL YEAR 2024:

Director Dally stated the District started to do this several years ago where reoccurring and normal bills were authorized to be paid as presented provided, they were about the same in amount and nature. Examples would be approved tournaments, insurance, Pavilion fees, and audit fees.

Motion by Director Wise to approve the payment of reoccurring bills for FY 2024. Seconded by Director Castino and passed unanimously.

SETTING THE NEXT MEETING DATE:

Director Dally felt that a meeting was not required in November but one in December to finish up the year for the District. Director Beck asked if the Board was locked into Mondays. Director Castino stated the club was closed and it made it easier for the club. Director Beck asked if a later start date could be scheduled due to conflict with outdoor activities and the Board agreed. After several date discussions the Board unanimously agreed to set the next meeting date for December 4, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

UPDATE ESD #4

Director Meaux noted that clearing was happening behind the clinic on R-255 around the helipad. There had been some discussion on property purchase and expansion of a station for additional equipment.

UPDATE ON RAYBURN RECREATIONAL DISTRICT:

Director Wise stated there was more interest in kayaking on the lake and river.

UMPHREY FAMILY PAVLION REPORT:

None was given as the Pavilion had been discussed in action items above.

ITEMS PRESENTED:

Director Dally presented a funding request from Hobie for a tournament in February and that the request had missed the agenda cut off and would be placed on the next agenda. The Board discussed the positive impact and impression that the tournament had on the area.

Director Meaux informed the Board that Junior Golf was becoming bigger in the area and that Under Armor had agreed to sponsor a East Texas Junior League which was a major commitment. Several people in the Beaumont area had expressed an interest to him in a championship tournament to be held at Rayburn Resort in the future and that we might be approached to fund such a tournament should be happen.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business Director Castino made the motion to adjourn at 11:05 a.m. Seconded by Director Wise and passed unanimously.