Regular Board Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Floyd Glass Conference Room

Coquille Parks and Recreation

13505 Highway 1085

Covington, LA 70433

1. Call to Order

Kyle Matthews called to order the regular meeting of the Recreation District No. 14 at 6:07 p.m. on April 14, 2025, at Coquille Parks and Recreation, 13505 Highway 1085 Covington, LA 70433.

1. Roll Call

Richard Bentley-Smith conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

David Pittman, Joe Prisco, Kyle Matthews, Deepa Woods, Kyle France, and Tim Bounds. Kevin Barnes was absent.

1. Approval of March Meeting Minutes

a). Motion on behalf of Kyle France, seconded by Deepa Woods. Motion passes.

Roll call: Ayes – David Pittman, Joe Prisco, Kyle Matthews, Deepa Woods, Kyle France, and Tim Bounds. Nays – None. Abstain – None. Absent – Kevin Barnes.

1. Public Comments

* Approximately 50 people, consisting of taxpayers, coaches, Coquille staff and the Recreation District #14 board members met in gym 2 to discuss out of district policy
* The policy was tabled to next month’s board meeting

1. Reports

* Chairman Report (Kyle Matthews)
* Not trying to shut down teams
* Executive Director Report (Richard Bentley-Smith)
* Baseball and softball games have begun – opening day was April 4, huge success and lots of compliments from community
* Competitive cheer had a meeting last night
* Tryouts are this week for the younger Madisonville United Competitive teams (u11-u13 age groups)
* International biddy basketball tournament was March 29 – April 1
* Rugby is headed to Nola Gold game on April 27th – about to open summer registration
* Adult Sports - soccer and basketball have started, tennis and pickleball leisure league
* Camp Coquille – currently taking registration, spring camp is currently taking place
* Bunny brunch – incredible success
* Great New Orleans Pickleball Tournament – April 12 – 13 in the gyms
* The River Mill – getting very busy, this summer hosting a robotics camp, back to school event with Market Munchkins in July
* If you have not done your annual training as board member, please do so
* Reviewing open gym availability this summer
* Facility Director Report (Bill Trepagnier)
* Pine St:
  + Several upgrades at the facility, new walking paths, new light system that can be controlled by an app
* Fields 9 & 10:
  + Fields will need to be rested following spring
  + Closing field 9 for June
* Working on replacing all windscreens on property for baseball and tennis
* Collecting quotes on gym 3 floor
* Sand volleyball lighting being installed
* Researching netting systems for field 1-3; 4-6
* Programs Committee (David Pittman, Kevin Barnes, Kyle Matthews)
* No report.
* Personnel Committee (Kevin Barnes, David Pittman, Kyle France)
* No report
* Finance Committee (Joe Prisco, David Pittman)
* Need to meet
* New bank accounts
* Audit currently taking place
* Construction Committee (Kyle Matthews, Joe Prisco)
* Hwy 1077 Entrance:
* Kort’s Construction mobilized April 1
* Meeting with Kyle and Assoc., Kort’s and Danny took place in the field today
* Culvert pipe and concrete catch basins installed North of the Northpointe Ct. intersection
* Approximately 100 feet of culvert pipe remaining to be installed
* River Mill:
* Asphalt milled and repaved in 3 areas on the main road in front of the building
* Lights on rear deck and plaza repaired
* Painting touch ups are in progress
* Additional punch list items are in progress
* Madisonville Youth Boosters (Robbie Tyrney)
* Biddy international tournament – staff was very supportive
* Miracle League (Richard Bentley-Smith)
* Baseball season
* Basketball June 14
* Contract Review Committee (Joe Prisco and Kyle France)
* No reports.
* Coquille 2030 (Kevin Barnes, Joe Prisco, Deepa Woods)
* Landowner reached out

1. New Business

a). Resolution to adopt millage rates as proposed by St. Tammany Parish at 8.86 mills 2025.

**RESOLUTION 2025-12**

MOTION TO ADOPT MILLAGE RATES FOR 2025 AT 8.86 MILLS, 4.47 FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND AND 4.39 FOR OPERATING FUNDS

YEAS: 5, NAYS: 0, ABSTAINED: 0, ABSENT: 2

Public Comments: None

Motion on behalf of Deepa Woods, seconded by Joe Prisco. Motion passes.

Roll call: Ayes – Kyle Matthews, David Pittman, Joe Prisco, Kevin Barnes, Deepa Woods, Kyle France, and Tim Bounds. Nays – None. Abstain – None. Absent – Kevin Barnes and Kyle France.

b). Updated out of district policy for all youth sport programs on property – tabled for May meeting

c). Approval of Accounts Payable

**RESOLUTION 2025-13**

MOTION TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

YEAS: 5, NAYS: 0, ABSTAINED: 0, ABSENT: 2

Public Comments: None

Motion on behalf of Joe Prisco, seconded by Deepa Woods. Motion passes.

Roll call: Ayes – Kyle Matthews, David Pittman, Joe Prisco, Deepa Woods, and Tim Bounds. Nays – None. Abstain – None. Absent – Kevin Barnes and Kyle France.

f). Approval of next Board Meeting: May 12, 2025, at 6:00pm

Roll call: Ayes – Kyle Matthews, David Pittman, Joe Prisco, Kyle Matthews, Deepa Woods, Kyle France, and Tim Bounds. Nays – None. Abstain – None. Absent – Kevin Barnes.

1. **Adjournment**

Kyle Matthews adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

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Olivia Harper, Executive Secretary

Recreation District No. 14