

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Floyd Glass Conference Room
Coquille Parks and Recreation
13505 Highway 1085
Covington, LA 70433

- I. Call to Order
Kevin Barnes called to order the regular meeting of the Recreation District No. 14 at 6:02 p.m. on March 10, 2025, at Coquille Parks and Recreation, 13505 Highway 1085 Covington, LA 70433.
- II. Roll Call
Richard Bentley-Smith conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: David Pittman, Joe Prisco, and Kevin Barnes, Deepa Woods, Kyle France, and Tim Bounds. Kyle Matthews was absent.
- III. Approval of February Meeting Minutes
 - a). Motion on behalf of Joe Prisco, seconded by David Pittman. Motion passes.
Roll call: Ayes – David Pittman, Joe Prisco, Kevin Barnes, Deepa Woods, Kyle France, and Tim Bounds. Nays – None. Abstain – None. Absent – Kyle Matthews.
 - Kyle Matthews arrived at 6:03pm
- IV. Public Comments
 - No reports.
- V. Reports
 - Chairman Report (Kyle Matthews)
 - All committees met within the last 30 days
 - Executive Director Report (Richard Bentley-Smith)
 - Flag football, youth volleyball, youth soccer have all started
 - Flag football and soccer ending later this month
 - Baseball and softball practices begin this week
 - Games begin in April
 - Opening day is April 4
 - International biddy basketball tournament March 29 – April 1
 - Track – practicing at CES and Coquille, participating in meets through AAU
 - Tackle football conditioning training begins this week
 - Adult sports

- Softball ended last night
 - Soccer and basketball have started
 - Tennis and pickleball leisure league
 - Camp Coquille – currently taking registration
 - Bunny Bruch – April 6 – sold out same night it opened
 - Great New Orleans Pickleball Tournament – March 22 – 23 in gyms 1 & 2
 - The River Mill:
 - Wedding expo March 17th – postponed
 - Election on March 29
 - Booked the first wedding – Dec 22
 - Staff attended CPR training last week of February – remaining leadership team and managers will attend this Thursday
 - If you have not done your annual training as board member, please do so
- Facility Director Report (Bill Trepagnier)
 - Pine St:
 - Town capped an unknown water line
 - Walking the park with Kyle Matthews to discuss the future
 - Gym domestic water leak – 3' water line repair located on west side of the entrance road from the gym
 - Splash Pad – 4' water line repaired with mechanical fittings
 - Grove Irrigation Line – 2" water line repaired
 - Fields 1-8 – repaired and repainting all dugouts
 - Fields 9-10 – fields will need to be rested following spring
 - Closing field 9 for June
 - Field 13 netting – backstop installed to prevent balls from entering the pond
 - Flagpole – located south of Dwyer Pond with uplighting
 - Training – 2 wire irrigation training last month, 3 employees attended, will help diagnosing issues
 - Gyms 3 & 4 – new motors installed to raise the goals on the side up and down – 3 total
 - Updated scoreboard controllers ordered
- Programs Committee (David Pittman, Kevin Barnes, Kyle Matthews)
 - Meeting over complaints with OOD
 - No grandfather clause
 - 25% competitive per roster
 - Strictly enforcing
 - Field availability; met with Director and Kelsie
 - Coaches kid courts toward 20%
 - Strict roster maximum unless special circumstance

- Exceptions for female sports
- Personnel Committee (Kevin Barnes, David Pittman, Kyle France)
 - Change in tennis with organizational chart
- Finance Committee (Joe Prisco, David Pittman)
 - Finances in good order
 - Ended 2024 in black
 - Bond payment done
 - Additional internal checks and balances
 - Interest rates dropped
 - Post bank flow on website
- Construction Committee (Kyle Matthews, Joe Prisco)
 - Hwy 1077 Entrance
 - Parish's Required Hydrology Amendments
 - Kyle and Associates had a virtual meeting with Parish today
 - Richard also attended
 - MYB Football – requesting to move the press box from field 8 to between fields 9 & 10
- Madisonville Youth Boosters (Robbie Tyrney)
 - Biddy international tournament – immediately prior – opening ceremony at Baptist church March 28. March 29 skills comp, games at 10am
 - Hannan gym has water issues
 - MJH alternative
 - Opening Day 6:30pm
 - Trepagnier Lifetime Achievement Award
 - TBall up to 13-15U ages
 - Blackhawk fly over
 - Board participation
 - Local VIPs
 - Gators Cheer Orlando, FL
 - Sponsoring bunny brunch
 - Gators baseball – 8 second – 10 won
 - MYB stakeholder meeting tomorrow
 - Football press box
 - Alan Faneca
- Miracle League (Richard Bentley-Smith)
 - No reports.

- Contract Review Committee (Joe Prisco and Kyle France)
 - No reports.
- Coquille 2030 (Kevin Barnes, Joe Prisco, Deepa Woods)
 - Meeting with DDG every other Wednesday
 - Meeting with MYB this week
 - Meeting this Wednesday with staff

VI. New Business

a). MOU with Christ Episcopal for track

RESOLUTION 2025-8

MOTION TO APPROVE MOU WITH CHRIST EPISCOPAL FOR TRACK

YEAS: 7, NAYS: 0, ABSTAINED: 0, ABSENT: 0

Public Comments: None

Motion on behalf of David Pittman, seconded by Kyle France. 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 – None.

b). MOU with Madisonville United Camp

RESOLUTION 2025-9

MOTION TO APPROVE MOU WITH MADISONVILLE UNITED CAMP

YEAS: 7, NAYS: 0, ABSTAINED: 0, ABSENT: 0

Public Comments: None

Motion on behalf of Joe Prisco, seconded by Kyle France. 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 – None.

c). Policy changes for hall of fame nomination and approval procedure

RESOLUTION 2025-10

MOTION TO APPROVE POLICY CHANGES FOR HALL OF FAME NOMINATION AND APPROVAL PROCEDURE

YEAS: 7, NAYS: 0, ABSTAINED: 0, ABSENT: 0

Public Comments: None

Motion on behalf of Joe Prisco, seconded by Kyle France. 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 – None.

d). Updated out of district policy for all youth sports programs on property
– TABLED TO APRIL

e). Approval of Accounts Payable – December and January

RESOLUTION 2025-11

MOTION TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – DECEMBER AND JANUARY

YEAS: 7, NAYS: 0, ABSTAINED: 0, ABSENT: 0

Public Comments: None

Motion on behalf of Joe Prisco, seconded by Kevin Barnes. 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 – None.

f). Approval of next Board Meeting: April 14, 2025, at 6:00pm

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

- Executive Session – entered executive session at 7:28 p.m. / ended at 7:41 p.m.
 - Discussion of events on January 24, 2025, involving a coach on property
 - Coach suspended for 1 year and required to come to February 2026 Board Meeting before being able to return

VII. Adjournment

Kyle Matthews adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Olivia Harper, Executive Secretary
Recreation District No. 14

