



**Hendry LaBelle Recreation Board**  
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May 18, 2023

A regular scheduled meeting of the Hendry LaBelle Recreation Board was held on the above date at 6:00 PM at the Hendry-LaBelle Recreation Office, 310 Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida.

City Commissioner Daniel Akin called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. Opening Prayer was led by County Commissioner Mitchell Wills. Members also present were County Commissioner Emory “Rowdy” Howard, Schoolboard Member Paul Samerdyke and City Commissioner Bobbie Spratt. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to accept April 24, 2023 minutes as amended was made by County Commissioner Mitchell Wills and seconded by City Commissioner Bobbie Spratt. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Director Steven Lynn gave an update on the Rodeo grounds, stating that all galvanized metal was removed from around the arena. Also, all electrical outlet covers have been replaced, and the North side of bleachers and back drop have been pressure washed and cleaned. Due to all the excess dirt in the arena not all the sand had been washed out from underneath the bleachers. County Commissioner Mitchell Wills stated when we are ready to remove the dirt from underneath the bleachers to reach out to him and he will help by using the Vac truck. Director Steven Lynn brought up the meeting for TDC was cancelled so we did not get to discuss the funds being moved around.

Director Steven Lynn asked the Board permission to rent a Kubota Zero turn mower to test out from Creel. Schoolboard Member Paul Samerdyke made a motion to rent the Kubota for one week and seconded by County Commissioner Mitchell Wills.

Rock Aboujaoude discussed coming back to work with the Recreation Department as a consultant and doing the scope of work for the remaining lights for Forrey's Baseball fields and the construction of the Concession stand. Motion was made by County Commissioner Mitchell Wills and seconded by County Commissioner Emory "Rowdy" Howard to have Rock Aboujaoude do this. County Commissioner Mitchell Wills recommended to start the concession stand and postpone the two additional lights for the remaining fields at this time but to add lights to the backside of existing poles.

County Commissioner Emory "Rowdy" Howard brought up getting in touch with Charlotte Miller from FP&L along with her Director. County Commissioner Emory "Rowdy" Howard, Director Steven Lynn, Charlotte Miller and Her Director are scheduled to have a meeting on Monday 22, 2023 to discuss FP&L helping out at Forrey.

Director Steven Lynn discussed the proceedings at Forrey with the wiring for the irrigation stating that the electrician has started pulling the wire for the pumps. Director Steven Lynn has also been in touch with Brandon Owens at Juniper Irrigation to see if they would be ready as soon as the electrician is done and was told to reach back out as the electrician is closer to being finished. Director Steven Lynn also is getting quotes for the baseball fields to get hydroseeding instead of sod, hydroseeding will be extremely cheaper. Getting quotes for all baseball fields fenced as well.

Director Steven Lynn spoke to the Board about vacation starting June 29, 2023 – July 3, 2023. Board said ok. Director Steven Lynn also brought up the FRPA Annual Convention in Orlando Fl. from August 28, 2023 to September 1, 2023, estimated total would be \$1,100.00. Motion made by Schoolboard Member Paul Samerdyke and seconded by City Commissioner Bobbie Spratt to allow Director Steven Lynn to attend the annual convention.

Director Steven Lynn requested to move funds from account 001-0018-369.00-00 Miscellaneous Revenues in the amount of \$2,219.00 into spending account 001-4000-572.52-00 Operating Supplies for Ice Machine and clay at Davis Pratt. Motion made by City Commissioner Bobbie Spratt, seconded by Schoolboard Member Paul Samerdyke.

Director Steven Lynn requested funds be moved from account 001-4000-572.63-00 Improvements Other Than Buildings in the amount of \$3,00.00 into spending account 001-4000-572.52-00 Operating Supplies for a new set of bleachers. Motion made by County Commissioner Mitchell Wills and seconded by City Commissioner Bobbie Spratt.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm.

ADJOURNMENT