



**Hendry-LaBelle Recreation Board**  
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May 16, 2024

A regular meeting of the Hendry-LaBelle Recreation Board was held on the above date at 5:30 PM at the Hendry-LaBelle Recreation Office, 310 Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida.

City Commissioner/Chairman, Daniel Akin, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Opening Prayer was led by County Commissioner, Emory “Rowdy” Howard.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were School Board Member, Paul Samerdyke, City Commissioner/Chairman, Daniel Akin, County Commissioner, Emory “Rowdy” Howard, City Commissioner Bobbie Spratt and Director, Steven Lynn.

**Bids:** None

**Consent Agenda:** Approval of April 18, 2024 Minutes and bills:

**Commissioner Akin asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. City commissioner Bobbie Spratt Seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Awards, Appearances, and Presentations:** None

**Correspondence:** None

Paul Samerdyke  
Schoolboard Member

Emory “Rowdy” Howard  
County Commissioner

Mitchell Wills  
County Commissioner

Bobbie Spratt  
City Commissioner

Daniel Akin  
City Commissioner

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**Staff Reports:** Director Lynn introduced new office manager Maddison Belcher.

Director Lynn brought up purchasing a Ventrac wide area mower, County Commissioner Emory “Rowdy” Howard made the motion to approve and City Commissioner Bobbie Spratt seconded the motion. The vote passed 3-1.

Director Lynn went over the capital improvements list for all parks and was asked to break it down by park and split it up annually.

Director Lynn discussed about scraping one of the old trailers City Commissioner Daniel Akin made the motion to approve and Schoolboard Member Paul Samerdyke seconded it. All were in favor, the vote passed 4-0.

**Hearing of the public:** Seth Howard discussed putting in a putting green at the driving range behind the rodeo grounds, discussion was had and the board went with Enviaible Turf for the price of \$13,585.00, there was discussion about if we had the funds to go through with the project then Director Lynn would push forward with it. County Commissioner Emory “Rowdy” Howard made the motion to approve, and City Commissioner Bobbie Spratt seconded, all were in favor 4-0.

**Reports and other Business:** None

**Agenda Additions:** Schoolboard Member Paul Samerdyke discussed with the board about repainting the tennis courts, and that Superintendent Mike Swindle said that they would help with the cost.

County Commissioner Emory “Rowdy” Howard said that Little League would help with costs on refurbishing the major field at Davis-Pratt.

Motion for meeting to adjourn was made by County Commissioner Emory “Rowdy” Howard, and seconded by Schoolboard Member Paul Samerdyke. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

City Commissioner Daniel Akin adjourned the meeting. Meeting was dismissed at 6:27 p.m.

Paul Samerdyke  
Schoolboard Member

Emory “Rowdy” Howard  
County Commissioner

Mitchell Wills  
County Commissioner

Bobbie Spratt  
City Commissioner

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