



Hendry-LaBelle Recreation Board
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March 20, 2025

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 Mitchell Wills.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Bids: None.

Consent Agenda: Approval of February 20, 2025 Minutes and bills:

County Commissioner Mitchell Wills asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. City Commissioner Bobbie Spratt Seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

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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Awards, Appearances, and Presentations: None

Correspondence: None

Staff Reports: Director Lynn presented several playground options for the Felda playground. County Commissioner Mitchell Wills made a motion to remove the existing playground at Felda, and to seek City Commissioner Akins' approval for the new playground purchase instead of going back to the board. County Commissioner Emory "Rowdy" Howard seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Director Lynn expressed interest in attending the FRPA Agency Summit in Tallahassee on April 24-25. City Commissioner Bobbie Spratt made a motion to approve attendance, which was seconded by School Board Member Paul Samerdyke, and all were in favor.

County Commissioner Mitchell Wills proposed a motion borrowing a \$2.5 million loan from the First Bank of Clewiston for a 25-year term to build a concession stand at Forrey Park. City Commissioner Bobbie Spratt seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Hearing of the public: Maria Zamora discussed the use of the soccer fields for temporary practices from March 31 to May 22. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the gates will remain unlocked for public access. However, users must schedule field use to avoid conflicts with the soccer association.

Reports and other Business: City Commissioner Bobbie Spratt made a motion to elect County Commissioner Emory "Rowdy" Howard as vice chairman of the board. County Commissioner Mitchell Wills seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Agenda Additions: None

Motion for meeting to adjourn was made by City Commissioner Bobbie Spratt, and seconded by School Board Member Paul Samerdyke. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

City Commissioner Daniel Akin adjourned the meeting. Meeting was dismissed at 6:48 p.m.

Paul Samerdyke
Schoolboard Member

Emory "Rowdy" Howard
County Commissioner

Mitchell Wills
County Commissioner

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