



**Hendry-LaBelle Recreation Board**  
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August 21, 2025

A regular 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.

County Commissioner/Chairman, Emory “Rowdy” Howard, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Opening Prayer was led by County Commissioner Mitchell Wills.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Bids: None.

Consent Agenda: Approval of July 17, 2025 Minutes and bills:

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

Awards, Appearances, and Presentations: Mr. Rock Aboujaoude presented a revised plan for the Forrey Park Concession Building, featuring a circular structure in place of the previously approved design. County Commissioner Mitchell Wills made a motion to approve the new design, which was seconded by School Board Member Paul Samerdyke. The motion passed unanimously.

BOBBIE SPRATT  
City Commissioner

PAUL SAMERDYKE  
School Board Member

EMORY “ROWDY” HOWARD  
County Commissioner /Chairman

MITCHELL WILLS  
County Commissioner

JACKIE RATICA  
City Commissioner

Correspondence: None

Staff Reports: Director Lynn presented several budget options for the upcoming fiscal year. After some discussion, the board agreed that the proposals would be revised and revisited at the next meeting.

Director Lynn also informed the board that painting numbers on the football field for Pop Warner games is unnecessary, as teams do not require it. City Commissioner Jackie Ratica made a motion to discontinue painting the numbers except for homecoming games. The motion was seconded by City Commissioner Bobbie Spratt and was unanimously approved.

Additionally, Director Lynn recommended getting rid of the Jeep due to ongoing mechanical issues and its current non-operational condition for free work. City Commissioner Bobbie Spratt made a motion to get rid of the Jeep, which was seconded by City Commissioner Jackie Ratica. The motion passed unanimously.

Hearing of the public: None.

Reports and other Business: None.

Agenda Additions: None.

***Motion for meeting to adjourn was made by City Commissioner Jackie Ratica and seconded by City Commissioner Bobbie Spratt. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.***

## ADJOURNMENT

County Commissioner Emory “Rowdy” Howard adjourned the meeting. The meeting was dismissed at 7:03 p.m.

BOBBIE SPRATT  
City Commissioner

PAUL SAMERDYKE  
School Board Member

EMORY “ROWDY” HOWARD  
County Commissioner /Chairman

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