

**Henry County Recreation Board  
CALLED MEETING  
Wednesday, June 29, 2016**

The Henry County Recreation Board held a called public meeting on Wednesday, June 29, 2016, at Heritage Park. The media was notified of this meeting. Notice was posted on the bulletin board of the Heritage Park Recreation Office. Tommy Mitchell called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**Those present were:**

Tommy Mitchell, District I, Vice-Chairman  
David Wilkerson, District III  
Terry Sanders, District IV, Chairman

Also attending were Parks and Recreation Staff: Tim Coley, Kenny R. Morris, Donna Holder, and Brandi Dailey. Commissioner Gary Barham, Lyndon L. Bonner (County Manager), Melissa Robinson (Communications Director), and Chris Busbee.

Motion was made by Tommy Mitchell made a motion to approve the agenda. David Wilkerson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0-0

**New Business: The Cotton Fields Golf Course**

The Board was provided handouts: Resolution No. 16-184, a budget amendment approved 6/21/16 regarding the budget for Cotton Fields and golf rates. Mr. Bonner thanked the Board for coming in for a called meeting and addressed the board regarding The Cotton Fields Golf Course. The Board of Commissioners met last week and designated the Parks Recreation Board by ordinances to be the recommending body to the County Commissioners. Several things need to be resolved between Board meetings. The resolution authorizes the Recreation Board and County Manager to recommend approval of agreements and contracts as are reasonable and necessary to operate the Golf Course.

Mr. Bonner explained the budget and that additional capital improvement funds will be needed to be used to improve the facility and equipment. The County wants to be environmentally friendly and Dr. Tucker with stormwater will assist the County to apply for Green status. The County plans to rent out the pavilion similar to how the Parks and Recreation Department rents out some of their other facilities for weddings and other events. Staff and a consultant will be brought in. Mr. Bonner has the authority to hire a consultant if it is under \$40,000 and budgeted. A contract will be drawn up to include a weekly fee and performance based incentive. A lease agreement may be needed for equipment and golf carts. The County already has three sites where beer can be served. The Board needs to consider selling beer like the other golf courses.

David Wilkerson made a motion for the County to apply for and sell beer at Cotton Fields Golf Course. Tommy Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0-0.

Commissioner Barham thanked the Board for coming in for a called meeting. Many people have innovative ideas for the golf course. A lot of repairs need to be made. He is excited about the course and thinks it will be good for the community.

Mr. Bonner introduced Melissa Robinson and stated she would also be recording the meeting. He addressed the Board regarding the refinance issues of the bond requirements, right of way, irrigation issues,

Mr. Busbee stated he was a golf pro for fifteen years and addressed the Board regarding the golf course. He thinks the course needs to stay open. It needs to be in better shape. Many capital improvements need to be done but you can address minor improvements to enhance the course now and it will make a big difference. The course does not have too many bunkers and drop offs. He mentioned possible revenue streams.

Facility Maintenance will address many repairs and improvements. Fleet Services will move their small engine repairs to the golf facility to have a presence six days a week.

Tim Coley stated he needs the flexibility to adjust golf revenue rates as needed to be competitive.

David Wilkerson made a motion that the Cotton Fields Golf Course rates be set according to staff recommendations throughout the year. Tommy Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0-0.

**Old Business:**

**Public Comments:**

**Department Report:**

Tim advised there was a coach that had some restraining orders against him with women. The Association was told they cannot tell a lady she has to drop a restraining order. Tell coach he cannot coach. The coach was told not to come to the park and he showed up anyway. He claimed a board member displayed a gun and threatened him. The board members said he did have a gun laying on the console. The Police are investigating the matter and Tim will get with the Board regarding disciplinary action.

**Park Report:**

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by David Wilkerson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Tommy Mitchell. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

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Donna Holder, Executive Assistant II

Date of approval