

**CHARLTON COUNTY RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MINUTES**  
**April 4, 2022**

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jesse Crews at 5:05 p.m. Those present were: Jesse Crews, Josh Popham, County Administrator Hampton Raulerson and Board Secretary Becky Harden and visitors recorded hereafter. Recreation Director Joel Shivar and Board members Lester Hamilton and Benji Huling were absent. Board member Alpha Benefield entered the meeting at 5:16 p.m. Visitors recorded hereafter.
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jesse Crews.
3. Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Josh Popham to approve minutes; second by Alpha Benefield. Board voted, motion approved unanimously.
4. Financial Reports – Board Secretary Becky Harden reviewed financial reports for the Board.
5. Actions Items/FYI
  - a. Lights – Cogburn completed ballast and Light install except for main light between fields 3 and 4 due to lift being too heavy to roll across field 3.
  - b. Baseball Schedule-Completed, the week from April 25<sup>th</sup> thru May 4<sup>th</sup> (no weekday scheduled games). To make this work we scheduled games for April 23<sup>rd</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Playgrounds – Playworld stated that they will work with the installers to coordinate when they will be ready to put it together. Martin Marietta Sand company stated that we need to send a donation form from one of our letterheads so as to have some sand put down.
  - d. TNT Fencing – Have not returned my phone calls.
  - e. Banners - \$250 for each. \$84 to build banner through Gardner Printing
  - f. Updated Adult Softball pricing for teams to \$300 per team instead of \$40 per player. Players will be responsible for uniforms. Currently no teams have applied but do have some interest.
  - g. Traders Hill Update – Gary Tippins to start at the end of April. Septic system is complete and electrical hook ups are installed. Waiting on OREMC to hook up power.
6. Citizen/Board Member Comments - Chairman Crews spoke with Representative Buddy Carter about new recreation facility. He stated Rep. Carter would be willing to help with possibly securing funds for project. Will need property for new complex. Also, would like to form a

committee to planning, design, etc. Possible names for the committee were current recreation board members, Allen Nelson, Dusty Phillips.

Citizens David Jimenez, Tracy Roberson and Oliver Herazo were present to discuss with the Board the possibility of starting a non-profit group to run recreation football. They want to help get recreation football started again in Charlton County. The non -profit would raise their own funds for equipment, concession sales would go to the football program.

Chiquita Sims and Terry Williamson were present to inform the Board of a Basketball tournament they would like to host at the Recreation Basketball Gym on May 28-29, 2022. This will be AAU teams. A fee schedule is in the process of being completed so no fees were discussed.

A special called meeting may be called to vote on the fee schedule for the recreation facilities. The fee schedule will have to go to the Board of Commissioners for final adoption.

7. Executive Session: No executive session.
8. Next Meeting Date – Monday, May 2, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
9. Adjourn – Alphy Benefield made motion to adjourn meeting, second by Josh Popham. Board voted, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Harden, Board Secretary