

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION'S
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 18th DAY OF APRIL, 2019

The Caddo Parish Appropriations Committee met in legal session on the above date, at 2:00 p.m., in the Government Chambers, with Mr. Jerald Bowman, presiding, and the following members in attendance: Commissioners Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, and Gage-Watts (4). ABSENT: Commissioners Dominick, Lyndon Johnson, and Jackson (3).

Also, in attendance were Parish Administrator Dr. Woody Wilson, Assistant Parish Administrator Randy Lucky, Parish Attorney Donna Frazier, Finance Director Mrs. Erica Bryant, and Commissioner Middleton.

The invocation was given by Mr. Cawthorne and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Chavez.

Mr. Bowman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Motion by Mr. Cawthorne, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts to expand agenda and add the discussion of First Tea to the agenda.

Floor was opened for anyone wishing to speak for or against expanding the agenda. No one came forward to speak on issue.

At this time, Mr. Cawthorne's motion carried, by the following vote: YEAS: Commissioners Bowman, Lyndon Johnson, Chavez and Gage-Watts (4) NAYS: None (0) ABSENT: Dominick, Cawthorne, and Jackson (3).

Mr. Cawthorne stated that Mr. Jackson was unable to attend today's meeting but First Tee had contacted him about funding for the First Tee Program in Caddo Parish. They originally were funded in 2019 \$2,500 but historically they have been appropriated \$5,000. They would like to request that they be brought up to the \$5,000 amount in 2019 to meet the needs of the program. They are also perplexed by the reason this program was cut since historically it had received \$5,000 a year.

Mrs. Gage-Watts reminded committee members that this committee made cuts across the board last year during budget time to make sure money was available but at the same time trying to address the tightening of the Riverboat Funds available. Mrs. Gage-Watts stated that she would be happy for them to come back to the committee and make a presentation to show why they needed the additional funds this year.

Mr. Cawthorne agreed that the NGO committee's thought process was to see what monies were available for NGO funding but try to come in with expenditures just under the revenue being brought in by the fund. He stated their answer was to look at what they have been able to do for the community with the \$5,000 in past years. Mr. Cawthorne stated that they would like to come and make their plea to the committee when available.

Mr. Bowman stated that he will let Mr. Cawthorne or Jackson know when the next committee meeting will be held so that First Tee can be in attendance.

Mr. Bowman moved to the next item of business:

- Discuss funding Oasis Outreach Group – Shreveport's First Annual Father's Day 5K run/walk.

Motion by Mrs. Gage-Watts, seconded by Mr. Cawthorne to remove item from agenda. Motion carried, by the following vote: YEAS: Commissioners Bowman, Lyndon Johnson, Chavez and Gage-Watts (4) NAYS: None (0) ABSENT: Dominick, Cawthorne, and Jackson (3).

Mrs. Gage-Watts stated that this is an event that has been discussed in the past and since it reaches out to the community and make a positive impact it was felt it could be better served by utilizing the "Safe Summers Program" through the Caddo Parish Parks and Recreation Department.

Mr. Chavez pointed out that the ask was Oasis Outreach group provided a budget but also trimmed their original request from \$5,000 to \$2,500 by utilizing other private donations from within the community.

Meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

_____/s/Todd Hopkins
Todd A. Hopkins
Commission Clerk