

Augusta County Government Center
Main Board Room, Wednesday, January 15, 2025, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Present: Larry Curry, Sally Williams, Ernie Landes, Leon Bartley, Steve Bridge

Absent: Samantha Bosserman, Anne Gordon

Mrs. Williams welcomed those present at the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

2. **Election of Officers for New Year (2025)**

Mr. Landes nominated Sally to remain Chair. She declined as she is not certain about this coming year and availability.

Parks and Recreation Commission member Williams moved, seconded by Parks and Recreation Commission member Bridge, to nominate Anne Gordon for Chair

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Larry Curry, Sally Williams, Ernie Landes, Leon
Bartley, Steve Bridge

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Parks and Recreation Commission member Landes moved, seconded by Parks and Recreation Commission member Bartley, to nominate Steve Bridge for Vice Chair

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Larry Curry, Sally Williams, Ernie Landes, Leon
Bartley, Steve Bridge

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

3. Comments by the Public

Mr. Bridge took over Chair from Mrs. Williams as Mrs. Gordon is absent from the meeting. Mr. Bridge thanked Mrs. Williams for chairing the Commission this past year. No public present.

4. Adoption of Minutes

No comments or amendments to the January minutes.

Parks and Recreation Commission member Bartley moved, seconded by Parks and Recreation Commission member Williams, to Approve January minutes

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Larry Curry, Sally Williams, Ernie Landes, Leon Bartley, Steve Bridge
Nays: None

Motion Passed.

5. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Wells reviewed the submitted Treasurer's report. No questions or comments.

6. Director's Report

Mr. Wells reviewed the submitted Director's report. Mr. Bridge asked which ballfields will be available for rent on March 1st and if there is a fee for the rental. Mr. Wells stated the two ballfields at Stuarts Draft Park, Kiser and Edgewood fields. He further stated there is a fee for the field rentals. The fee is \$20 per time block. Mr. Bridge stated Schneider Park fields are not rented through Parks and Recreation and Mr. Wells confirmed that they are not.

7. Matters to be presented by the Commission

Mr. Bridge asked if the Commission would get a chance to review the draft of the comprehensive plan. Mr. Wells stated he thinks the review is scheduled for Spring but will double check and advise the Commission of the process.

8. Matters to be presented by Staff

1. Report on 2024 Camping Program/Season (Natural Chimneys Park)

Mr. Wells presented the Natural Chimneys report. Mr. Bridge asked if the revenues for groups were set in advance as they all seemed to have rounded figures. Mr. Wells explained that staff did round to the lowest dollar increment for ease of reporting. Mr. Wells informed the Commission that those rates are approved ahead of each event and terms are agreed to by the group through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). He stated that the amount can sometimes increase in price depending on the specifics of each groups MOU, such as during the Red Wing Roots Festival two years ago with the heavy rains and damage to the lawns during the event.

9. Old Business

Mr. Landes asked if there has been any more discussion on developing the South end of the parking lot. Mr. Wells said he had a meeting with Balzer and Associates and Doug Wolfe, Director of Community Development, last week regarding the concept plans. He stated there is no timeline on when those concept plans will be made available, but the firm is looking at how to develop the area using ideas brought forth by all groups involved. Those ideas include a building with either a small indoor track and some multi-use courts or some variation of those items. Also, using some of the additional land that currently holds the Gochenour house for a possible shelter and/or

playground. There are also thoughts on adding an outdoor walking trail to connect the Government Center to the Trails at Mill Place.

10. New Business

No New Business.

11. Announcement of Next Meeting & Adjournment

Mr. Bridge announced the next meeting will take place on February 19th at 7pm in the Main Board room of the Government Center.

Parks and Recreation Commission member Landes moved, seconded by Parks and Recreation Commission member Williams, to Adjourn

Vote was as follows:	Yeas:	Larry Curry, Sally Williams, Ernie Landes, Leon Bartley, Steve Bridge
	Nays:	None

Motion Passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.