

**Illinois River Valley Special Recreation Association
Board Meeting Agenda Minutes
Tuesday, April 18, 2023 8:30 am
Pekin Park District, Robert N. Blackwell Administration Bldg. Pekin, Il.**

1. Roll call. Call to order at 8:30a
2. Board Members: Present
Craig Weigle, Executive Director, Fondulac Park District (Vice Chair-Vice President)
Reese Wantiez, Fondulac Park District
Cameron Bettin, Executive Director, Pekin Park District (Chair-President)
Greg Ranney, Commissioner, Pekin Park District

Board Members: Absent

Jody Pullium, Commissioner, Fondulac Park District
Shawn Powers, Superintendent of Recreation, Pekin Park District (Secretary)

Others: Present

Casey Smith, Superintendent of Marketing and Communications, Pekin Park District
Shawna Burnice, IRVSRA Program Coordinator Manager
Shelly Chism, IRVSRA Athletics Coordinator Manager

3. Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting January 17, 2023: Motion: Greg R.; 2nd: Craig W.;
Motion Approved.
4. Public input: N/A
5. IRVSRA Program Managers - Update and Report on Activities

Shawna and Shelly reviewed their report that was handed out and is attached to the minutes.
Highlights of the report include:

- a. They are having parents review and sign a policy rules form now so there is a clear understanding.
- b. Group homes, mainly in Pekin, are starting to participate. Have not heard from Eat Peoria Group Homes yet. They are getting more individuals from East Peoria than group homes.
- c. Because HISRA programs are full, we are getting a few participants from them.
- d. They raffled off two IRVSRA gift certificates when they attended Transition night at the high school.
- e. They have one summer staff left to hire.
- f. New entry doors were installed along with push button openers.
- g. They had eight sign up for the intro to golf. Six showed up the first week and two the next week.
- h. Cam to check on the IAPD/IPRA State Conference dates so hopefully that does not conflict with the sports banquet this year.
- i. A lot more families are applying for scholarships this year. Might need to start using the Pekin Park Foundation Terri Gambetti Scholarship Fund if possible. Need to figure

a fundraiser to build up that fund. There are various funding sources like Child Care Connections, DCFS, Tazewood Childrens Home in Peoria, and the State. They give info/applications to the parents and inform them of other options.

- j. They are planning a Bowl-A-Thon fundraising event this summer on June 7.
- k. Special Olympics gave \$2,500 to IRVSRA to spend on sporting goods equipment.

6. Election of Officers: Motion to keep all officers the same. Motion Greg R.; 2nd Craig W.; Motion Approved.

- a. Chair: Cameron Bettin
- b. Vice Chair: Craig Weigle
- c. Secretary: Shawn Powers

7. Next meeting: Fondulac Park District Administration Center, Tuesday, July 18, 2023.

8. Motion to Adjourn Motion: Craig W.; 2nd: Reese W.; Motion Approved.