



**SPORTS FACILITY DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION MEETING  
CITY HALL - COUNCIL BRIEFING ROOM, 300 W. MAIN ST.  
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025, AT 5:00 PM**

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**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

*A regular meeting of the Grand Prairie Sports Facilities Development Corporation was called to order by President Ron Jensen at 5:00 PM.*

**Members Present**

*Ron Jensen, President  
Jorja Clemson, Vice President  
R.J. Garcia, Secretary  
Mike Skinner  
Junior Ezeonu  
John Stuart  
Mike Del Bosques*

**Staff Present**

*Cheryl De Leon, Deputy City Manager  
Susan Sanders, Chief Financial Officer  
Lee Harriss, Treasurer  
Tina Alvarez, Assistant Secretary  
Megan Mahan, Deputy City Manager  
Thao Vo, Director  
Maleshia B. McGinnis, City Attorney*

**Members Absent**

*None*

**Guests**

*Merlinda Gonzalez, Vice President of Lone Star Park  
Ray Cerda, Director, Parks  
Cory Johnson, Founder of Hope for All*

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. Minutes from February 17, 2025, and April 17, 2025**

*Junior Ezeonu moved to approve February 17, 2025, minutes, as presented, Mike Del Bosque seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0., with no abstentions.*

*Ayes: Jensen, Clemson, Del Bosque, Garcia, Stewart, Ezeonu, Skinner*

*Nays: None*

*Abstentions: None*

*Absent: None*

**2. Monthly Financial and Investment Reports for January through March 2025**

*Ms. Lee Harriss presented the Monthly Financial and Investment Report for January through March 2025. January base rent for the month was \$161,251, and additional rent totaled \$8,502. The interest earnings for the month were \$58,139 for total receipts of \$227,892. Disbursements for the month were \$10. The net increase in cash and investments was \$227,882. The Sports corporation had total cash & investments of \$16,886,706.*

*February base rent was \$161,251, and additional rent totaled \$6,584. Interest earnings*

*for the month were \$31,480 for total receipts of \$199,315. Disbursements for the month were \$1,996. The net increase in cash and investments was \$197,319. The Sports Corporation had total cash & investments of \$17,084,026. March base rent for the month was \$161,251, and additional rent totaled \$6,242. Interest earnings for the month were \$118,593 for the total receipts of \$286,086. Disbursements for the month were \$2,150. The net increase in cash and investments was \$283,986.00. The Sports corporation had a total cash & investments of \$17,367,962.*

*Jorja Clemson, Vice President moved to approve, Junior Ezeonu seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0., with no abstentions.*

*Ayes: Jensen, Clemson, Del Bosque, Garcia, Stewart, Ezeonu, Skinner*

*Nays: None*

*Abstentions: None*

*Absent: None*

**3. Contract Negotiations Committee Report**

*Ron Jenson President said there was nothing to report.*

**4. Construction Committee Report**

*R.J. Garcia, Secretary, said there was nothing to report.*

**5. Finance Committee Report**

*Ron Jenson, President said there was nothing to report.*

**6. Reimbursement to the City for January 1, 2025, through March 31, 2025**

*Ron Jenson, President said the reimbursement for the city is in the amount of \$2,174.56.*

*Jorja Clemson, Vice President moved to approve, Junior Ezeonu seconded the motion.*

*The motion carried 7-0., with no abstentions.*

*Ayes: Jensen, Clemson, Del Bosque, Garcia, Stewart, Ezeonu, Skinner*

*Nays: None*

*Abstentions: None*

*Absent: None*

**7. Discuss Horse Stables, Grazing Area, and Entryway at Lone Star Park-Update from Ad Hoc Committee**

*RJ Garcia, Secretary introduced Corey Johnson President-Founder of Hope for All to discuss the build and location update. Corey presented that Hope for All met Ad Hoc Committee and went in front of Global Gaming and Lone Star Park executives and identified fifteen acres near Ellis Court owned by Global Gaming and Lone Star Park, and they respectfully declined our request to have the land 15 acre near Ellis Court, the executives were adamant that they want to support the City of Grand Prairie and like the cause and want to support retired race horses. Corey and Meaghan Mahan have identified other public and private pieces of land in Grand Prairie and over the next thirty days will investigate it to see if there are any opportunities and will bring to the group.*

**8. Consider Allocation of Funds and Resolution approving a \$20,000.00 transfer to the City of Grand Prairie for a Cricket pitch at Prairie Park and Authorize Payment of \$20,000.00.**

*Ray Cerda, Parks Arts Director along with Fasil Adkir, Crickett Ambassador is requesting twenty thousand dollars for a Cricket pitch at Prairie Park on Bagdad Rd. and explains that a cricket pitch is the central pain area, a strip of a cricket field between two wickets and if approved, it will be completed by fall 2025.*

*Mike Skinner moved to approve, Junior Ezeonu seconded the motion.*

*The motion carried 7-0., with no abstentions.*

*Ayes: Jensen, Clemson, Del Bosque, Garcia, Stewart, Ezeonu, Skinner*

*Nays: None*

*Abstentions: None*

*Absent: None*

**9. Consider Allocation of Funds and Resolution approving a \$500,000.00 to the City of Grand Prairie for Building Blocks and Authorize Payment of \$500,000.00**

*Ron Jensen, President requested this item be tabled until next meeting.*

*Ron Jensen, President moved to approve, Junior Ezeonu seconded the motion.*

*The motion carried 7-0., with no abstentions.*

*Ayes: Jensen, Clemson, Del Bosque, Garcia, Stewart, Ezeonu, Skinner*

*Nay s: None*

*Abstentions: None*

*Absent: None*

**10. Consider Allocation of Funds and Resolution approving a \$500,000.00 transfer to the City of Grand Prairie for Pickleball Courts at Friendship Park and Authorize Payment of \$500,000.00**

*Ron Jensen, President asked for a motion to transfer the funds and resolution of five hundred thousand which have already been voted to Allocate for Pickleball Courts at Friendship Park. Ron Jesen, President asked Ray Cerda, Parks & Arts Director when the courts will be completed. Ray responded that the courts should be completed in sixty to ninety days.*

*Jorja Clemson, Vice President moved to approve, Junior Ezeonu seconded the motion.*

*The motion carried 7-0., with no abstentions.*

*Ayes: Jensen, Clemson, Del Bosque, Garcia, Stewart, Ezeonu, Skinner*

*Nay s: None*

*Abstentions: None*

*Absent: None*

**11. Discuss Proposed Budget FY 2025-2026**

*Lee Harriss, Treasurer, presented the Proposed Budget for FY2025-2026 and noted that this item will be presented at the next meeting for consideration."*

**12. Lone Star Park Briefing on 2024 and 2025 Capital Expenditures and 2024-2025 LSP Update In the Thoroughbred Racing Season**

*Merlinda Gonzalez, Vice President of Lone Star Park, presented updates on kitchen equipment in progress, waiting on misc. items, ceiling on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor, and surveillance cameras in progress. The IT had fifteen thousand dollars allocated for video and an AV control system, the quote that was received was significantly higher, it will wait until next year. Thoroughbred Racing Season opened on April 17, 2025, that was Easter weekend, which impacted attendance. We had three big events in April, Dollar Days, Handicap Tournament, Mystery Voucher. The attendance for that event was eight thousand and the on-track handle was five hundred and fourteen thousand and total merge with international outlets was seven hundred and thirty-nine thousand. We can't export our signal within the United States, but we can Internationally. We had two days of Extreme Racing, April 26 and April 27, 2025, the attendance was seven and nine thousand. The Kentucky Derby was May 03, 2025. The attendance was twelve thousand, and the handles were six hundred and seventy-five thousand. Mike Del Bosque complimented Merlinda on the food at Lone Star Park. Jorja Clemson, Vice President, asked about the Foundation Fundraiser being successful. Merlinda explained that twenty-six thousand dollars were raised and the expenses were minimal.*

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

*President Ron Jensen acknowledged that there were no citizens present.*

The Sports Facility Development Corporation may conduct a closed session pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Government Code, V.T.C.A., to discuss any of the following:

- (1) Section 551.071 "Consultation with Attorney"*
- (2) Section 551.072 "Deliberation Regarding Real Property"*
- (3) Section 551.074 "Personnel Matters"*
- Section 551.087 "Deliberations Regarding Economic Development"*

No Executive Session was held.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business, President Ron Jensen adjourned the meeting at 5:40 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

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R.J. Garcia, Secretary

Date