

**DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**DISTRICT TWO SUPERVISOR MARK GARDNER, PRESIDING**

**March 28, 2017**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The March 28, 2017 meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Mark Gardner, Board Vice-President.

Deputy Bruce Holbrook opened the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear all business before the Board of Supervisors. The following officials were present:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	District 1-ABSENT
Supervisor Mark Gardner	District 2
Supervisor Bill Russell	District 3
Supervisor Lee Caldwell	District 4
Supervisor Michael Lee	District 5- ABSENT
Sheriff Bill Rasco	Sheriff's Department
Misty Heffner	Chancery Clerk - ABSENT
Vanessa Lynchard	County Administrator
Tony Nowak	Board Attorney - ABSENT

**B. INVOCATION**

Supervisor Mark Gardner gave the invocation.

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**D. CITIZENS REMARKS & PRESENTATIONS**

Supervisor Mark Gardner asked if there were any citizens present who wished to address the Board on any item not on the agenda. There were none.

**E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

Supervisor Mark Gardner asked if there was anyone who wished to add or delete items to the Agenda. There were no changes.

Supervisor Lee Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District	<u>ABSENT</u>
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Bill Russell, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Michael Lee, Fifth District	<u>ABSENT</u>

**F. CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no items on the Consent Agenda.

**G. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Approval of Survey & Appraisals on Star Landing Landfill and Adjacent Properties**

Supervisor Lee Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to authorize a survey and appraisal of property at the Star Landing Landfill and adjacent property for future land use.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District	<u>ABSENT</u>
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Bill Russell, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Michael Lee, Fifth District	<u>ABSENT</u>

**2. BOS to Travel to Murfreesboro, TN to Tour a Tennis Complex.**

Supervisor Gardner announced the purpose of this meeting is to tour a tennis facility in Murfreesboro, TN. He stated Board Attorney Tony Nowak advised, at the last Board of Supervisors meeting, this tour had to be a public meeting according to State law.

The Board invited the public to make the trip with them. No one from the public was present. The Board then traveled to Murfreesboro. The City of Murfreesboro's Parks and Recreation department hosted a tour of their Adams Tennis Complex. The purpose of the tour was to find out more about the tennis operation and to see other designs that the county could consider for the project it has been considering. Present for the tour were Supervisor Mark Gardner, Supervisor Bill Russell, Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Todd Mastry of the Landers Center, Jim Green who is president of the DeSoto County Tennis Club, Michael Johnson who is the City of Southaven's Tennis Director, Brian Bullard of UrbanArch, Inc., and Vanessa Lynchard.

Notes of interest on the tour were:

The City of Murfreesboro owns and operates the facility as part of a city park complex. The park started with 8 outdoor tennis courts. Ten years ago they added 16 outdoor tennis courts. Two years ago the inside tennis facility was built through a partnership between the City of Murfreesboro, Middle TN State University, and the Adams Family.

**INSIDE COURTS**

The inside facility cost between \$6.3 and 6.6 million dollars. It was a partnership between Middle TN State University, the City of Murfreesboro, and a private partner. The private partner gave \$1 million dollars to the university. The school raised \$600,000 from the sale of sponsorships for the courts at \$50,000 each. They sold sponsorships for the scoreboards at \$25,000 each and they sold bricks for \$250 or \$500 depending on the size. Now brick sales go to support the program. Two years ago they built the inside courts.

USTA paid for the 8 year and under courts that are outdoors.

They have a 450 people capacity upstairs and additional viewing downstairs.

The inside courts and outside courts do not have LED lights, and that was a mistake. Their lights cause line of sight problems for the players.

They do not recommend having a pro shop. It is not profitable. They are going to keep models of tennis rackets that people can order and get the next day. They do sell supplies.

They have ball machines to rent, but they make a mess on the inside courts.

You need two sweepers to maintain the inside courts.

The inside courts were full when we visited. Some appeared to be tennis teams, some were private lessons, and some may have been the university.

## **OUTSIDE COURTS**

They started with 8 outside courts. They added 16 outside courts 10 years ago, so they have a total of 24 outside courts. They have no check in system for outside courts normally, but they do reserve them for league play.

There is no maintenance to the outdoor courts except for leaf removal.

They resurfaced their 8 court area for \$50,000 last year and they will resurface their 16 courts this year at a cost of \$95,000.

## **FOOD SERVICE/CONCESSIONS**

They have no food service. They have a concession area for candy and drinks. They do have a kitchen for social events.

## **EVENTS HOSTED AT THE FACILITY**

They host tournaments for high schools, Conference USA, USTA Junior, Adults and Seniors and Adults over 40. They have hosted the state high school tournaments. That is their biggest event.

They host socials at the facility for rent and have the kitchen for catering. They rent the facility for birthday parties. They charge \$250 for members and \$300 for non-members. They also charge a \$100 cleaning deposit, but most people clean up after themselves.

## **MEMBERSHIPS AND FEES**

Court fees and hourly fees are detailed on the attached exhibit.

## **STAFF**

They have 3 full time operators at the facility. They have one part time operating the facility. They have 2 part time maintenance people, but they recommend that change to 1 full time person.

Their tennis pros are on contract, but their head tennis pro is on staff. CHECK

Employees work for the City of Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Department.

## **HOURS**

In winter they open 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

In summer they open 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:00 a.m. To 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

## **NOTES**

Clay courts cost more to maintain.

They want to change to LED lights at a cost of \$300,000.

They are resurfacing the 10 year courts.

## **H. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business for the Board to consider.

**I. PLANNING**

There were no Planning Commission issues for the Board to consider.

**J. EXECUTIVE**

There were no Executive Session items for the Board to consider.

Upon returning to the DeSoto County, Supervisor Lee Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to adjourn the Board meeting until Monday, April 3, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District	<u>ABSENT</u>
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Bill Russell, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Michael Lee, Fifth District	<u>ABSENT</u>

THIS the 28th day of March, 2017, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

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Mark Gardner, Vice-President  
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors