

**SECPID Board Meeting:****May 19, 2026****Location: Jones Creek Regional Library**

Attendees: Greg Player, Larry Horacek, Henry Craig, Tom Hirschey, Mike Fecel, Scott Daugherty, Joan, Greg, Tommy, Jim Crow, Ed

**1. Roll Call and Meeting Preliminaries****Conclusion**

A quorum was established with Greg Player, Larry Horacek, Ed Craig, Tom Hirschey, Mike Fecel, and Scott Daugherty present. Todd Hodges and Jim Crowe were absent. The meeting proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes****Conclusion**

The minutes from the March meeting were not available in printed form. They were scheduled to be posted on the website the same night for members to review online and report any necessary corrections to Ed Craig, [eacraig@gmail.com](mailto:eacraig@gmail.com).

**3. Treasurer's Report****Conclusion**

The board officially approved the April treasurer's budget and cash flow report after a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

**4. Crime Statistics and Reporting****Conclusion**

The crime statistics previously reported were incomplete, as they only included incidents handled by the district's paid deputies and not all sheriff's department responses. This was discovered in a meeting with the sheriff's department. Going forward, a new point of contact at the sheriff's department will provide comprehensive data, including all dispatched calls. The board plans a careful, multi-month communication strategy to educate residents about the new, more accurate (and likely higher) crime numbers to avoid alarm. The March stats showed 25 shifts, 70 traffic stops, 55 citations, 15 warnings, and 16 total incidents handled by district deputies.

## **5. Security Personal and Liability**

### **Conclusion**

A long-serving female deputy, Lieutenant Karen Moss, who has been with the district for approximately 19-20 years, has resigned. A certificate of appreciation will be created for her dedicated service. Deputy David has been appointed as the fourth K-9 officer to replace her, and he will complete 20 hours of work by May 31st. Concerns were noted about his long commute. Additionally, the Sheriff's Office has confirmed that the homeowners' association and SECPID have zero liability for any incidents involving patrol deputies, as the Sheriff's department's insurance provides complete coverage.

## **6. Security Camera Systems**

### **Conclusion**

The district's 19 fixed Mobotix cameras are outdated, require manual data retrieval from internal SIM cards, and cannot be integrated with the sheriff's department's modern Real Time Crime Center (RTC) system. In contrast, the board is evaluating new mobile, solar-powered Verkada PTZ (pan-tilt-zoom) cameras, which offer remote control, cloud storage, and their own 5G connectivity. This technology is considered superior to the previously discussed Project NOVA. The board is leaning towards adopting the Verkada system, potentially replacing failing Mobotix cameras over time. However, a decision to purchase additional cameras will only be made after receiving data from the sheriff's department confirming the existence of internal crime clusters. The informal camera committee will propose a formal motion at the July meeting to create a standing, formal camera committee to guide these decisions and recruit community members.

## **7. Legal and Legislative Matters**

### **Conclusion**

The board is monitoring three key pieces of legislation. H.B. 817 (Homeowner's Bill of Rights) has been withdrawn for this year. H.R. 179, aimed at crime prevention districts, is moving forward but is opposed by the board and other federations as it is based on flawed logic. H.B. 615, which will mandate live broadcasting of meetings, is expected to pass, and the group is prepared to comply. On legal counsel, the Executive Committee decided to retain attorney Sherry Morris, who has moved to a new firm, and a letter was sent to her previous firm, Dangle Fiskusinich (DFK), terminating their contract.

The board unanimously passed a resolution to formally request an opinion from the Louisiana Attorney General's office regarding the legality of using public funds to purchase awards, trophies, and gifts for deputies and community volunteers. The signed resolution will be sent for an official ruling.

## **8. Community History and Recognition**

### **Conclusion**

There is a strong consensus on the need to preserve the history of the Shenandoah Homeowners Association and SICPID. The board agreed that recognizing long-serving community members is an excellent idea and will pursue creating a "Hall of Fame" section on the SECPID website. This will be promoted through the newsletter, and the community may be solicited for nominations. Existing historical materials, including old signs, decals, past newsletter articles, and a digital archive on the website, will be consolidated.

## **9. Commissioner and Community Updates**

### **Conclusion**

**Mandatory Training:** All commissioners have completed the required ethics and sexual harassment training except for Todd, who must complete both modules before the year-end deadline to avoid removal from the board.

**Beautification Plan:** The beautification project for the front sign is progressing with new plants and a flower bed. The homeowners' association will bill the organization for these improvements. Flags for military celebrations are also on display.

**Tree Care Meeting:** A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 15th, featuring Scott Portwright of Louisiana Tree Service to educate residents on tree care, rights, and responsibilities.

**Flag Complaint:** A resident's complaint about a torn American flag was resolved; the flag, which had been up for nearly a year, was replaced.

Edward Craig  
Secretary, SECPID