

THE CITY OF EASTLAND
YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING

March 4, 2025

EASTLAND, TEXAS §

EASTLAND, COUNTY §

The Youth Sports Advisory Board of the City of Eastland, Texas, met in Open Session at Eastland City Hall as scheduled, and notice was posted 72 hours in advance and prior to the meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Member	Steven Gustin
Member	Chris Howard
Member	Scotty Kanady
Member	Jacob Page
Member	Barrett Thomasson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Member	Marcus Bartee
Member	Bucky Williams

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

City Secretary	Roma Holley
City Manager	Savannah Fortenberry

Guests: Mitch Bradford, Dustin Dove

I. Meeting Called to Order

Steven Gustin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Barrett Thomasson offered the invocation and Chris Howard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Public Comment on Any Subject Not Listed on this Agenda
(Limited to Five Minutes Per Speaker)

Dustin Dove spoke and requested that Port-a-potties be rented while the restrooms are being renovated. He stated it isn't fair to ask parents to take their kids to Allsup's to use the restrooms. That interferes with the purpose of the practice.

IV. Approve Minutes of February 11, 2025 meeting.

Chris Howard made a motion, seconded by Jacob Page to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2025 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

V. The Eastland Youth Sports Advisory Board May Discuss and Take Action on the Following Agenda Items:

1. Discussion and Consideration of board member resignation

Steven Gustin stated he had received a phone call from Marcus Bartee stating that, at this time, he does not have the time to devote to this board and that he is resigning. Steven asked for a text confirming this decision.

Barrett Thomasson made a motion, seconded by Jacob Page, to accept the resignation of Marcus Bartee from the Eastland Youth Sports Advisory Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion and Consideration of board member appointment

Steven Gustin stated that in his conversation with Marcus Bartee, Marcus had given him several names as possible replacements. Steven Gustin approached Mitch Bradford about becoming a member of the EYSAB. He stated Mitch is very involved in the activities of the ball park and brought some good ideas and knowledge about what can be done to improve it.

Steven stated that he had asked Mitch to take over the 8u softball field and Steven will take the at-large position.

Chris Howard stated that he believes that Mitch will be a great asset to the board.

Jacob Page made a motion, seconded by Chris Howard, to approve Mitch Bradford as a member of the Eastland Youth Sports Advisory Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion and Consideration of restrooms and possible temporary facilities.

Steven Gustin stated that in reference to Dustin Dove's request for "Port-a-Potties", the price for one month is \$432 and there is a possibility of working a "trade" with Grandpaw's Tool Shed for sponsorship. This is only until the bathroom renovations are completed which is supposed to be finished by the beginning of the season, March 17, 2025.

Chris Howard made a motion, seconded by Jacob Page, to work with ESO in regards to obtaining the "Port-a-Potties" for the duration of the renovation.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and Consideration complex usage agreement.

Steven Gustin informed the board that he feels it necessary to have an agreement available for people who want to use the ball parks, either for practice or games. This agreement will detail what is expected from whoever is using it. Also, this will make scheduling easier. Jennifer Gustin has started an initial agreement but we know there is some wording that needs to be changed.

Steven Gustin stated he would like to move forward with getting approval to have the agreement constructed.

Jacob Page made a motion, seconded by Mitch Bradford, to continue writing the Eastland Complex Usage Agreement.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and Consideration drainage quotes and efforts.

Steven Gustin asked if anyone had any other quotes to bring before the board. No one did. Steven brought before the board a quote from Hi Caliber, LLC, which is Truett Hart and Timmy Pitts. Part of their quote involves keeping the road that is behind the softball fields. Their quote does involve repairing the hill, much like Brandon Orms suggested but instead of digging a 40-foot-wide drainage ditch, they would build a new drainage ditch along the

hillside and bottom of the hill to direct runoff away from the softball fields. They would also repair the culvert that already exists.

Steven Gustin went over the remainder of the quote, which was very similar to the quote from Brandon's Dozer Service. This includes using the seeded netting style of erosion control.

Steven Gustin stated the quote from Hi Caliber, LLC is \$25,848 and the quote from Brandon's Dozer Service, for just the drainage and the culvert, without erosion control, is \$41,950. Brandon quoted another approximately \$18,000 for hydro-mulch, not seeded netting, for erosion control.

Discussion centered around what is going to be the best option for long term. If we go with Brandon's Dozer Service, the city will be tasked with maintaining the 40-foot culvert. If we go with Hi Caliber, they may still need to maintain the erosion control but even if they spent \$1,000 per year, it would still be less expensive in the long term.

Barrett Thomasson made a motion, seconded by Jacob Page, to accept the Hi Caliber, LLC for the \$25, 848

Motion passed unanimously.

The question was then put to City Manager Savannah Fortenberry about how this could be funded. City Manager Fortenberry stated that the city will fund this project outside of the funding already allocated. Because the quote is above \$25,000 it will need to go before the City Commission to approve at the next meeting.

6. Discussion and Consideration of updates on field improvements.

Steven Gustin asked the board members for updates regarding their fields

Chris Howard reported on the 12u Baseball field. He stated he got a quote for padding for the backstop of \$2,700 and the majority of that is shipping. So, they will probably go a different route, maybe use a type of rubber which will not be as expensive. He is going to Abilene tomorrow to get clay for the mound, which is in disrepair. He is going to purchase a four-way mound which is very handy for when one side wears out, you just flip it around. They extended the infield and opened up the base pass with dirt. The field is in pretty good condition. So far, they've only spent about \$600 on grass seed.

Mitch Bradford reported on the 8u softball field. They've been dragging it and have sprayed it for weeds.

They talked about the fact that Diamond-Pro has been ordered.

They also talked about using a mat in the batter's box so the batter's box will not get dug up during practice.

Scotty Kanady talked about also getting some pitching mound clay from the same place that Chris is going. Chris said he would be happy to get it for him. Scotty said he is really just waiting for the Diamond Pro for both of the softball fields.

Jacob Page made the following observations regarding the 8u Baseball field: The fencing has been delivered for the field and they are waiting on Layne Payne to install it.

They talked about the possibility of purchasing a portable pitching mound and they've received 3 different prices. They can be used for any size baseball and softball fields. The 14u baseball field used to have a portable mound. We would need at least a 6-foot mound. Jacob stated that Kevin Burrow had indicated the ESO might purchase the mound and then they will store it at the end of the season.

He stated they will be spending around \$100 for 200 pound so pre-emergent for spring application and about \$125 for 250 pounds of fall post-emergent, plus \$145 for another post-emergent that will cover 2 acres; \$200 on sprinkler heads to replace the ones that are failing; 9 tons of sand for the infield. He also quoted \$439 for batting mats.

Steven Gustin stated that regarding parking, the city is putting up the "no parking" signs and the police department will be enforcing it. If someone needs to get into the gates with a tractor, to contact him or someone at the city and they will open it. They are talking about making the parking area One Way only.

He also spoke about getting with Comanche Electric in the near future about replacing the lights that are out.

Barrett Thomasson reported regarding the T-Ball fields, that he is getting a quote for a length of chain link fence to be placed at the west side to keep the balls from rolling down the hill. He is requesting permission to purchase the chain link. He is looking at portable fencing to put in the outfields, \$339 for each portion. It can be moved easily for mowing and for storage. (This is not a priority)

Steven Gustin made a motion, seconded by Chris Howard to allow Barrett to get the chain link fence.

Regarding the 14u Baseball Field, which is what Bucky Williams is in charge of, it is not really playable at this time. They can borrow the high school field when it is available.

7. Discussion and Consideration of finances

The funds that have been spent so far:

14u baseball \$1200 for seed
12u baseball \$600 seed \$400 chalk
8u softball \$400 chalk
12u softball \$400 chalk
8u-10u baseball \$287 fence and \$400 chalk.
T-ball- no funds have been spent yet.

No Action Taken.

VI. Adjournment

Barrett Thomasson made a motion, seconded by Jacob Page, to adjourn at 7:42 p.m.
Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED

Steven Gustin, President
Youth Sports Advisory Board

ATTEST

Roma Holley, City Secretary