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TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: J. Rayfield Vines, III
DATE: August 17, 2021
SUBJ: Dinwiddie County and Richard Bland College (RBC)
Memorandum of Agreement / RBC Baseball Program Sports Complex Usage

BACKGROUND

In the Summer of 2019 DCPR staff coordinated a meeting with the newly hired RBC Athletic Director, Scott Newton. The purpose of the meeting was to welcome Mr. Newton to the community and to introduce ourselves and the department. We expressed our appreciation for the successful relationship and partnership that DCPR and RBC had fostered over the past years and our aspirations of continuing that success under his new administration. During the meeting Mr. Newton mentioned that RBC was evaluating the creation of a new baseball program and the need for a home field location.

Mr. Newton re-engaged with the department in February of 2020 to inform us that the new baseball program had been approved. The last phase would be the Board of Visitors voting to approve the entire college budget, to include the program, in April 2020. The budget was fully approved and since that time Dinwiddie County and RBC staff have been evaluating the opportunity to ensure that we could develop a mutually beneficial partnership, pending Board of Supervisors approval.

CURRENT SPORTS COMPLEX USER GROUPS

The Recreation staff has conferred with all of our current Sports Complex user groups, to ensure that their presence and usage of the facility will not be interrupted or negatively affected by the facility usage of the RBC Baseball program. Our Dinwiddie based user groups and teams always maintain priority use of the Sports Complex. The DCPR staff will continue to work diligently to prevent these user groups and activities from being negatively impacted by the RBC Baseball program.

PARTNERSHIP COMMUNITY IMPACT

- DCPR usage of RBC on campus athletic facilities at a reduced rental fee cost for recreation tournament/championship activities
- Increased exposure for the County via the RBC promotional efforts and team marketing
- Increased recruitment opportunities of DCPS baseball program participants to the RBC baseball program

- Tourism and economic impact when visiting teams from other regions and states come to the Sports Complex to play RBC
- Usage of donation funds for amenity and site development opportunities to possibly include: the construction of multiple batting cages; construction of an additional first base line bull pen; and the acquisition of other baseball/softball equipment that will be owned by the County for shared usage by our user groups and the RBC baseball program.

REQUESTED ACTION

Staff is asking for approval of the following resolution.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia that the Memorandum of Agreement between Richard Bland College and Dinwiddie County be adopted as presented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia does hereby appropriate and amend the FY 2022 revenue and expenditure budgets by the following amounts:

	Revenues	Expenditures
General Fund	\$22,000	\$22,000