Nineteenth Louisiana Levee District

P. O. Box 267

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August 11, 2020

**Minutes of The Meeting**

**AGENDA:**

Call to Order

Roll Call

Public Comment period on agenda items

Meeting was called to order by Gordan Smith, President

Roll Call….

**Present were Board members:**

 Bill Dean

 Ken Richardson

 Lynn Howe, Clerk

**GUEST**

Nick Slater

Aaron Slater

**DOTD**

Brad Sticker

Jamarcus. DOTD Intern

Ed Knight – Levee’s & Dams

Tim Harper – Dam Safety

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Adopt the millage rate for 2020

Millage Rate after Reappraisal/Reassessment

Tax Assessor’s office proposed our Millage options at

 6.04 to 6.21

Levee Board Members voted as follows for 6.04 :

YEAS: 3

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

ABSENT: 0

Public discussion was requesting the Nineteenth Louisiana Levee District to resurface the top of the levee to repair ruts and the inadequate safety of emergency personnel able to respond to the residents of Mr. Aaron Slater and a Mr. Reiner. These residents are on the river side of the levee and it is not the responsibility of the Levee Board to put materials down for them to travel on daily. The responsibility of The Nineteenth Louisiana Levee District is to maintain the integrity of the levee for protection of flood control and Levee Inspections. Mr. Smith told them that they chose to build there and by right, they should build their own road or they should repair the portion of the levee they travel on daily because the Levee is NOT a public road.

Mr. Aaron Slater says he has river sand to fill the ruts and a tractor to repair areas, but claims that will not hold under rainy conditions. According to the Vicksburg Dam inspection, nothing has been done by the residents. Therefore to maintain the integrity of flood control the Nineteenth Louisiana Levee Board WILL have to repair the said portion of the levee, and is currently seeking legal counsel as guidance in residents assisting in paying for repairs as they had caused the issues and reside there. This has been an ongoing ordeal since the residents now have ruts and want us to repair them.