MEETING MINUTES

Squirrel Run Levee and Drainage District

June 22, 2023

6:00 PM

1810 Squirrel Run Dr.

New Iberia, LA 70560

1. Call to Order – Chairman, Rene Simon called the meeting to order at 6:05pm
2. Roll Call

\*Members Present: Rene Simon, Burton Cestia, Wayne Ducote

Members Absent: Beth Clarke

\*A quorum was declared

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Comments – comments were given by members of the public.
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – a motion was made by Mr. Ducote to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2023 meeting and seconded by Mr. Cestia. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Old Business

Pumping Station Repairs – Matt Landry of Berard, Habetz engineering firm was on hand to review the bids for the pump station repairs. He reviewed the bids – 4 were received. The bid tab sheet was available for all to review. He recommended we accept the bid from Reliant Industrial Solutions, LLC. They were the lowest bid and under budget for both parts of the project.

* A motion was made by Mr. Cestia to accept the recommendation and to begin the process of providing supporting documentation to Mr. Lee, Mr. Ducote seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Status of the District’s work to acquire the levee near pumping station – we are STILL waiting for paperwork to be signed by Mark Lipari and Leon Minvielle.

Capital Outlay – Mr. Simon and Mr. Cestia are planning a meeting with Mr. M. Tarantino regarding process for reimbursement from capitol outlay.

Checking Account Balance and Bill Payment - a check was paid to Mr. Mike Cormier to reimburse for diesel fuel purchase.

Bond Payments – the first was paid April 2023 = $43,245 and $7141.75 will be due 10/1/2023.

Millage Assessment for 2023 is be left at 17mils this year. Discussion about need to increase to 30 mils for the following tax year to allow for collection of up to 30 mils in future due to state amendment.

Louisiana Legislative Auditor Requirements to hire CPA firm for review of the District’s finances – LA firm, Kolder-Slaven, has been retained to provide a review and attestation of our accounting/books.

1. New Business

Consideration of any other business – Discussion regarding cameras to survey pump station and generator. Discussion of whether generator is “exercising”. Discussion of a dedicated cell phone for the district that would be able to receive the surveillance video and “exercising updates”. Mr. Mike Cormier and Mr. Mike Flash were available to loan their opinion/expertise.

1. Adjournment Mr. Cestia motioned to adjourn, and Mr. Ducote seconded – the meeting was adjourned.