MINUTES OF MEETING

TECHE-VERMILION FRESH WATER DISTRICT

May 24, 2021

 The Board of Commissioners met on the above date at the Teche-Vermilion Fresh Water District office located at 315 S College, Suite 110, Lafayette, LA at 10:00 a.m. Member’s present were: Mr. Ed Sonnier, Mr. Ralph Libersat, Mr. Donald Segura and Mr. Tommy Thibodeaux. Member Absent: Mr. Bradley Grimmett. In addition, present were: Mr. Alex Lopresto, Mr. Donald Sagrera, Mr. Darryl Pontiff, Mr. Gene Sellers, Jr, Ms. Wendy Dupuis, Mrs. Jody White, Mr. John Istre, Mr. Larry Cramer, Mr. T.J. McGee, Mr. Jon Larsen, Mr. David Rice, and Ms. Sandra Bergeron.

 At this time of the Public Meeting, the Chairman called for any public comment regarding the Agenda. There was no comment.

Upon motion by Mr. Thibodeaux and seconded by Mr. Libersat, the minutes of the previous meetings of April 26, 2021 were accepted and approved. Motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion by Mr. Segura and seconded by Mr. Libersat, the Board moved to amend the agenda and move into New Business for Regions Investment Review. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Jon Larsen with Region Bank presented the performance of the Districts’ Investment Portfolio.

Upon motion by Mr. Segura and seconded by Mr. Libersat, the Board moved to move back into Old Business. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Gene Sellers Jr. with Sellers’ Group present an update on the New Office Building. The contractor has mobilized and began de-grassing, but rain has hindered the contractor for being able to move forward.

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Mr. Larry Carmer with Sellers and Associates presented an update on the Loreauville Canal Navigable Control Structure Maintenance Project.

Upon motion by Mr. Thibodeaux and seconded by Mr. Segura, the Board approved submitting the application for Loreauville Canal Navigable Control Structure Maintenance Project permit. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Donald Sagrera informed the Board that he, our legal advisor, and our consulting electrical engineer are working on a plan to have a Bid packet prepared for the Electrical upgrade at the Pump Station.

Upon motion by Mr. Thibodeaux and seconded by Mr. Libersat, the Board approved the retainage payment to Magnolia Dredging and Dock, LLC, once the Clear Lien Certificate is obtained. Motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion by Mr. Thibodeau and seconded by Mr. Segura, the Board adopted the 2021 Millage Rate of 1.41 mils. 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion by Mr. Thibodeaux and seconded by Mr. Segura, the Financial Statements for period ending April 30, 2021 were accepted and approved. Motion unanimously carried.

Annual Inspection Report Presentation meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 22, 2021

Upon motion by Mr. Thibodeaux and seconded by Mr. Libersat, the Board authorized the Executive Director and the Chairman to work with our Districts’ Legislators on acceptable wording for House Bill 682. The required qualifications for the proposed non-voting additional Board appointee shall be a civil engineer or civil engineer with focus on hydrology. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board of commissioners would like to recognize the dedicated service of Ms. Sandra Bergeron as Executive Assistant for the past 30 years.

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 Upon motion by Mr. Segura and seconded by Mr. Libersat, the Board approved legal counsel to request an Attorney General opinion on the contractors’ request for an increase above bid price due to the COVID 19 pandemic and hurricanes that hit the area following the bid for the Control Structure South Gate Rehabilitation project. Motion unanimously carried.

 Upon motion by Mr. Thibodeaux and seconded by Mr. Libersat, the board approved retainage payment to McInnis Brothers, once the clear lien certificate is obtained.

Upon motion by Mr. Segura and seconded by Mr. Libersat, no further business was brought forth, therefore the meeting adjourned.