

UELRR Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting of November 10, 2022

MINUTES

The UELRR Advisory Committee met Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 10:01 AM, in person at the LAMPERS Building at 7722 Office Park Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA, 70809, and via Zoom virtual meeting.

- 1.) Chairman Krennerich declared the meeting duly convened at approximately 10:01 AM.
- 2.) Committee Members present were: Chairman, Kressy Krennerich, Secretary, Kevin Richard, Jon Betts, and Gary Dressler. A quorum was established with four of the five members present.
- 3.) With no opposition to the agenda items from committee members, the agenda was adopted with a motion by Mr. Dressler and seconded by Mr. Betts.
- 4.) Members were provided with a copy of the meeting minutes from the August 11, 2022 meeting. A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes by Mr. Dressler and seconded by Secretary Richard. With no requested corrections or opposition from members, and no public comment, the minutes were unanimously adopted without corrections.

The following agenda items were discussed by the committee:

5.) Review of current system operations/statistics

- Collections through the end of October 2022 were \$360.7 million, with over 213K returns filed.
- Total Collections to date are over \$ 29 billion, with over 17.8 million returns filed since the program's inception.

6.) Parish E-File Upgrade Report

- Marla Simmons with Avenu gave an update on the Act 87 applications. Ms. Simmons reported that all of the development work has been done and is being tested for quality assurance. In addition, 80% of system of records have been updated and the process is progressing well.
- Ms. Krennerich inquired about any issues that may have come in through the helpdesk. Ms. Simmons mentioned minor issues such as payment processing questions which were directed to LDR. No major issues or system down issues have been reported.

7.) Review of issues or comments relating to Parish E-File System

- No issues or comments have been reported.

8.) Update regarding Change Requests for consideration

- CR 138877 - Upload Request was submitted at the request of the Dept. of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism to enable documents like exemption certificates, invoices and amended returns to be uploaded in the system for distribution to affected local collectors. Avenu previously provided estimates of different timelines for the request at different levels of complexity. Chairman Krennerich reported feedback from the LATA conference that collectors opted for the complete integration option and Avenu sent a change request for consideration. The request would require many hours of labor and the cost is substantial. Secretary Richard made a motion to table the request for now until more information is obtained with regard to the budget available for this request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dressler, and all members agreed. Shanna Kelly with LDR will obtain cost estimates for all three options provided by Avenu to report at the next meeting.
- CR 136399 – Act 87 of the 2022 Regular Legislative Session changed the cap of interest that can be charged on delinquent returns and payments, and also changed the delinquency calculation on the local level. Avenu provided this change request for consideration to make those changes within the system. Secretary Richard made a motion to move forward with this request, which was seconded by Mr. Betts and to which all members agreed.

9.) Other Business

- There was no other business discussed by the Committee.

10.) Public Comment

- There was no public comment offered.

11.) Next Meeting

- The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2023 and will be held in person at the LAMPERS Building and via Zoom virtual meeting.

12.) Adjournment

- There being no further agenda items or public comment, Secretary Richard made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Dressler. With no opposition, Chairman Krennerich declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:17 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kressy Krennerich, Chairman