

Nineteenth Louisiana Levee District

P.O. Box 267

Colfax, LA. 71417

February 7, 2023

A public meeting was held by the Commissioners of the Nineteenth Louisiana Levee Board on February 7, 2023 at 4:20 p.m. in the Grant Parish Police Jury Meeting Room.

The following members were present:

Gordon Smith, William Dean, and Kim Vallee

Absent: Fren Allen

Guest present: Jamarcus Torrence and Chad Whitstine DOTD

Meeting was called to order by Gordon Smith

Jamarcus Torrence with DOTD stated that DOTD could not access 3 gates on the levee due to not having keys for locks. Mr. Torrence stated that these locks were cut and replaced with zip ties.

Bill Dean said he would get with the Sheriffs Dept about getting locks with keys to all gates that the Sheriffs dept access to mow the levee's and get copy of keys for DOTD.

Other Business

Gordon Smith reported that the building the Sheriff's dept rents from the Levee Board had a leak in roof. Gordon and Denny Bostick repaired roof and a bill of repair cost was sent to the Sheriff's office.

Gordon Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting and Bill Dean Seconded it.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the following is a true and exact copy of the board meeting held February 7, 2023.

Kim Vallee, Secretary

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President

Gordon Smith

Commissioners

Bill Dean

Fren Allen

Clerk

Kim Valle

April 26, 2023

RE: NOMINATION FOR GRANT PARISH SEAT/RED RIVER WATERWAY

COMMISSION

Dear Commissioners:

We by unanimous vote recommend Kenneth Richardson for the Grant Parish seat/ Red River Waterway Commission.

Ken Richardson has lived in worked in Grant Parish for 53 years and we have nothing but positive things to say. There is no doubt that Ken Richardson will be an excellent addition to the Red River Waterway Commission.

We have always known Ken to be of sound character, being adventurous, compassionate, conscientious, disciplined, flexible, honest, humble, patient and sincere.

Ken Richardson possesses the skills of adaptability, communication, leadership, organization, teamwork and problem solving. We are certain these cultivated skills will allow Ken to serve the Red River Waterway Commission and Grant Parish.

Ken Richardson serves in a capacity of many duties as well as being self-employed as a farmer and Pecan producer. Listed are some of the positions:

Board of directors for Grant Parish Farm Bureau

Board of directors for Valley Famers Co-Op

Elected 3 terms to Farm Service Agency County Committee

Elected to Supervisor on the Grant Soil and Water District.

Please do not hesitate to contact our President Gordon Smith if you have

any further question. Gordon may be reached by phone [318]446-1426
or email: webfootag@yahoo.com

Regards,

Kim Vallee

Clerk

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MARCH 8,2023

A public meeting was held by the Commissioners of the Nineteenth Louisiana Levee Board on MARCH 8,2023 at 4:20 p.m. in the Grant Parish Police Jury Meeting Room.

The following members were present:

Gordon Smith, William Dean, Fren Allen and Kim Vallee

Guest present: Jamarcus Torrence and Chad Whitstine DOTD

Meeting was called to order by Gordon Smith

An invoice for limb pickup from Sheriff's dept was okayed for payment.

Gordon Smith said Mr. Slayter had made a complaint about the levy road being torn up. Gordon said that the levy had been grated by RADD when the levy was wet and it had made the road very bumpy. Levy road will have to be regraded.

Fren Allen asked if the National Guard was going to remove vegetation from levy and Gordon Smith stated that they were not. Gordon said he would have to ask someone with special equipment to remove the vegetation.

Gordon Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting and Bill Dean Seconded it.

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JUNE 14,2023

A public meeting was held by the Commissioners of the Nineteenth Louisiana Levee Board on June 14,2023 at 4:20 p.m. in the Grant Parish Police Jury Meeting Room.

The following members were present:

William Dean, Fren Allen and Kim Vallee

Absent: Gordon Smith

Guest present: Susan Douglas, Logan Monk and Chad Whitstine DOTD

Meeting was called to order by William [Bill] Dean

New Business:

A vote on if millage tax would be increased or stay the same. All voted aye. Fren Allen motioned it stay the same and Bill Dean 2nd motion. Millage will remain the same.

Aaron Slayter wants permit to cross levee and to install power poles. He was instructed to fill out request for permit paper work and that paper work will then be sent to the Corp of Engineers and to the DOTD. Once we receive a letter of no objection from the Corp a permit would be granted.

Fren Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting and Bill Dean Seconded it.

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OCTOBER 11,2023

A public meeting was held by the Commissioners of the Nineteenth Louisiana Levee Board on October 11,2023 at 4:20 p.m. in the Grant Parish Police Jury Meeting Room.

The following members were present:

Gordon Smith, William Dean, Fren Allen and Kim Vallee

Guest present: Susan Douglas, Jamarcus Torrence and John Lachney all from DOTD

Meeting was called to order by Gordon Smith

New Business:

Susan Douglas announced she is retiring from DOTD next week.

Holes have been found in levee on river side by Jeff and Kim Bostick's property and dirt work will need to be done to repair them asap. Also cattle rubs need to be fixed. Ranchers will be asked to do the repairs and if not cattle traffic will not be allowed on the levee.

Sheriff's dept will be mowing levee soon.

Bill Dean motioned to adjourn the meeting and Gordon Smith Seconded it.

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February 14,2024

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The following members were present:

Gordon Smith, William Dean, Fren Allen and Kim Vallee

Guest present: Jamarcus Torrence and Logan Monk from DOTD

Meeting was called to order by Gordon Smith

New Business:

Kim Vallee addressed the CD at Bank of Montgomery due to renew in March of 2024. Interest rate is very low. Does the board want to leave it or move to another bank with higher interest rates? The commissioners asked to see what other banks are paying currently on CDs. This information will be presented at next meeting.

Sheriff Steven McCain has made it known to the Levee Board that he wants to purchase the blue building that he is currently renting. He has asked that all rent paid be applied toward the selling cost. The board ask for all invoices showing what has been paid by the Sheriffs dept and paid to the Sheriffs dept be presented next meeting for review.

Old Business:

Addressing the holes in the levee. Dennis Courtwright was told to fill and repair the holes since he's cows had made them. This will be done as soon as the ground is dry enough to work.

Fren Allen asked Jamarcus Torrence if Darrow gates could be closed and was told he would have to ask the Town of Colfax because they were in charge of the Darrow gates.

Jamarcus Torrence said that Wednesday of the coming week the DOTD would be doing a levee inspection. ~~will be presented at next meeting~~

Gordon Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting and Bill Dean seconded it.

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March 6,2024

A public meeting was held by the Commissioners of the Nineteenth Louisiana Levee Board on March 6,2024 at 4:20 p.m. in the Grant Parish Police Jury Meeting Room.

The following members were present:

Gordon Smith, William Dean, Fren Allen and Kim Vallee

Guest present: Logan Monk and Jamarcus Torrence of DOTD

Meeting was called to order by Gordon Smith

Old Business:

It was voted that the CD at Bank of Montgomery would not be renewed but moved to Southern Heritage Bank. Gordon Smith and Bill Dean would both go to Bank of Montgomery and close CD and open new CD at Southern Heritage Bank. Fren Allen motioned to approve and Bill Dean Seconded motion.

Gordon Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting and Bill Dean seconded it.

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May 7, 2024

A public meeting was held by the Commissioners of the Nineteenth Louisiana Levee Board on May 7, 2024 at 4:20 p.m. in the Grant Parish Police Jury Meeting Room.

The following members were present:

Gordon Smith, William Dean, Fren Allen and Kim Vallee

Guest present: Susan Douglas and Sheriff Steven McCain

Meeting was called to order by Gordon Smith

New Business:

Susan Douglas presented the Levee Board with a refurbished laptop computer, mouse and monitor. Thank you Susan!

Sheriff Steven McCain formally addressed the board and asked to purchase the blue levee building. He asked that all rent be applied toward the purchase price of the building. Sheriff McCain also said he would have the building appraised and pay for cost of appraisal. Bill Dean requested that the appraisal be split in cost by the levee board and the Sheriff's dept and it be in both parties name. This was agreed upon by all commissioners and by Sheriff McCain. Further negotiations will continue once the appraisal is completed.

Gordon Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting and Bill Dean seconded it.

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