**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**TECHE-VERMILION FRESH WATER DISTRICT**

**May 26, 2020**

 **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. via Teleconference. Members present were Mr. Ed Sonnier, Mr. Tommy Thibodeaux, Mr. Ralph Libersat, and Mr. Donald Segura. Member absent: Mr. Bradley Grimmett. In addition, present were: Mr. Alex Lopresto, Mr. Todd Vincent, Mr. John Istre, Mr. Larry Cramer, Mrs. Jody White, Mr. Alex Guillory, Mr. Donald Sagrera, and Ms. Wendy Dupuis.**

 **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. Libersat and seconded by Mr. Segura, the minutes of the previous meeting of May 4, 2020 were accepted and approved. Motion carried.**

**Larry Cramer with Sellers and Associates gave an update on the Loreauville Canal structure dewatering Project reporting the preliminary cost estimate is 1.7 million.**

**Upon motion by Mr. Libersat and seconded by Mr. Segura, the Board moved to accept Sellers and Associates Engineering Agreement pending Legal approval. Motion carried.**

**Gene Sellers, Jr reported there was no new updates concerning the New Office Building.**

**Jody White with CPRA reported no new information on Dredging the Inlet Channel.**

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**Larry Cramer with Sellers and Associates gave an update on Ruth Canal Structure repairs reporting Bulliard Construction was the lowest quote at $24,750.00.**

**Upon motion by Mr. Segura and seconded by Mr. Libersat, the Board approved to move forward to accept Bulliard Construction quote for the Ruth Canal Structure repairs. Motion carried.**

**Upon motion by Mr. Libersat and seconded by Mr. Thibodeaux, the Financial Statements for the period ending April 30, 2020 and the Actual Weighted Average Yield of 1.84% were accepted and approved. Motion carried.**

**The Board discussed the 2020 Millage however, not all Parishes have completed reassessment.**

**The Executive Director presented the Board with the Ruth Canal Tree Removal Project to remove trees that are leaning over and some completely down in the Canal. The board agreed to get additional quotes for the project.**

**The District pumped a total 19 days in April. As of April 23, 2020, The District has stopped pumping.**

**Next on the board's agenda was a discussion to allow the planting of crops on the District’s conveyance channel permanent right-of-way. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Libersat and seconded by Mr. Segura that the planting of crops that would require plowing and/or disturbance of the soil surface not be allowed on the conveyance channel right-of-way. However, baling of hay on the conveyance channel right-of-way would be allowed with preference given to the landowner and at the discretion of and with the permission of the District’s Executive Director. The motion passed unanimously.**

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**Upon motion by Mr. Thibodeaux and seconded by Mr. Libersat, the Board moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss legal issues concerning the Hartford lawsuit. Motion carried.**

**Upon motion by Mr. Thibodeaux and seconded by Mr. Libersat, the Board moved to enter back into Regular Session. Motion carried.**

**Upon motion by Mr. Libersat and seconded by Mr. Thibodeaux, the Board moved to call a Special Meeting on June 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the Hartford lawsuit. Motion carried.**

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