MINUTES OF “SPECIAL” MEETING

TECHE-VERMILION FRESH WATER DISTRICT

October 16, 2023

 The Board of Commissioners met on the above date at the Teche-Vermilion Fresh Water District office located at 315 South College Rd, Suite 110, Lafayette, LA 70503 at 10:00 a.m. Member’s present were: Mr. Edward Sonnier, Mr. Keith Hensgens, and Mr. Donald Segura. Member Absent: Mr. Tommy Thibodeaux and Mr. Bradley Grimmett. In addition, present were: Mr. Donald Sagrera, Ms. Wendy Dupuis, Mr. John Istre, Mr. Corey Hulin, Mr. Alex Lopresto, Mr. Philip Parker, Mr. Sean Reed, Mrs. Jody White, Mr. Cecil Knott, Mr. Jon Larsen, and Mr. Robert Masson.

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. Segura and seconded by Mr. Hensgens, the minutes of the previous meetings of September 26, 2023 were accepted and approved. Motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion by Mr. Segura and seconded by Mr. Hensgens, the agenda was amended for Regions Bank Investment Review. Motion unanimously carried.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Hensgens and seconded by Mr. Segura, the meeting moved back into Old Business. Motion unanimously carried.

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The Executive Director presented an update on the Loreauville Canal Navigable Control Structure stating the start date will be delayed until January 2024. The delivery of the gate has been pushed back until March 21, 2024.

Mr. Sean Reed presented the Board with an update on the Gage project stating T. Barker Smith was awarded the Design and Engineering phase.

 Upon motion by Mr. Hensgens and seconded by Mr. Segura, the Financial Statement ending September 30, 2023 and 3rd Quarter Budget Comparisons were accepted and approved. Motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion by Mr. Segura and seconded by Mr. Hensgens, the Board moved to approve payment of all bills for October 2023

Upon motion by Mr. Segura and seconded by Mr. Hensgens, the Board authorized the Executive Director to execute and authorize a no cost time extension of 2 months (December 31, 2023) for Development of a Web Interface for accessing and visualizing Teche-Vermilion Fresh Water District Hydrologic Site Data. Motion unanimously carried.

 Mr. Donald Sagrera informed the Board that Salt water intrusion in the watershed is three times higher than the previous six-year average. They found that the salt water has intruded further up the Vermilion than for the previous six years and had also intruded into the Charenton Canal. High tides are making the situation worse.

 The District pumped 14,955,400,000 gallons for a total of 30 days in September 2023.

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 Upon motion by Mr. Segura and seconded by Mr. Hensgens, the Board moved to approve Acadian Land Service to perform the clearing of trees from the Ruth Canal structure to the Bayou Teche. Motion unanimously carried.

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