

Bunches Bend Protection District Minutes 11/15/2013

11 a.m. East Carroll Parish Courthouse, Police Jury Meeting Room

Minutes recorded. Meeting called to order by President Tap Parker. Commissioners present were Tap Parker, Steve Brown, Ted Schneider, Andre Wright. Absent David Oswalt, Chad Arey.

Andre Wright made a motion to approve minutes from 7/26/2013 meeting. Seconded by Ted Schneider.

Grandville Harris gave an explanation of the damage done to his camp which is on police jury property. Andre Wright made a motion to go into executive session. Seconded by Steve Brown. Commissioner David Oswalt present in time for executive session.

Steve Brown made a motion to come out of executive session. Seconded by Andre Wright.

Motion made by Andre Wright to make an offer to Mr. Harris from BBPD:

-Mr. Harris to produce valid lease from police jury and photos of property

-district offered to clean up debris from camp and to provide labor to build access to camp

Seconded by David Oswalt

Andre Wright made a motion to make revisions to cotton land leasing levee servitude agreement. Revisions include removal of deer stand from March 1 to October 1 in order to maintain levee. Food plots must be planted with no till drill or any form not disturbing the sod. Seconded by David Oswalt.

Pumping Station upkeep, maintenance, and road repair:

Reynold Minsky met with the design division of the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers to assess the pumping station. The stem is bent on the gate, the corp estimated the cost to fix station and parts to be 40k. The Corp gave an estimated bid of 150k for installation and parts on both gates. This will also address the motor that greases the main two hundred horse power motor in the main station. A request is to be made to the police jury to do necessary repairs which include repairing the pumping plant building. Ed Patrick was asked to receive pumping station repair bids by at least 2 contractors. Also an estimate was presented before the board to replace the diesel pump with an electric system.

Spring Maintenance for back side of levee:

A notice must be published in the paper for levee maintenance according to public bid law.

All commissioners need to listen to CLE audio by December 2013 on ethics. Connie Gardner will email website.

Andre Wright made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss the 2013 budget. Seconded by David Oswalt. Nan Hopkins (BBPD CPA) presented the 2013/2014 budgets. Andre Wright made a motion to add the 2013 budget review and financial statement to the agenda. Seconded by David Oswalt. Ted Schneider made a motion to approve the amended 2013 budget. Seconded by Andre Wright. Ted Schneider made a motion to approve the proposed 2014 budget. Seconded by Andre Wright.

Meeting for 2014: Commission must meet 2 consecutive months for tax issues. Connie Gardner will email about dates.