

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**TECHE-VERMILION FRESH WATER DISTRICT**

**February 17, 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. Members present were Mr. Ed Sonnier, Mr. Tommy Thibodeaux, Mr. Ralph Libersat, Mr. Donald Segura, and Bradley Grimmatt. In addition, present were: Mr. Alex Lopresto, Mr. Todd Vincent, Mr. John Istre, Mr. Larry Cramer, Mrs. Jody White, Mr. Gene Sellers, Jr, Mr., Chad Clause, Mr. Donald Sagrera, Ms. Sue Bergeron, 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. Thibodeaux, the minutes of the previous meeting of January 27, 2020 were accepted and approved. Motion carried.

Sellers and Associates gave an update on the Siphon project reporting the project is complete.

Upon motion by Mr. Segura and seconded by Mr. Thibodeaux, the Board approved Retainage Payment from Hartford Insurance Company in the amount of \$386,405.65 for work on the Siphon Project. Motion carried.

Sellers and Associates gave an update on the Conveyance Channel Control Structure South Gate and Well Rehabilitation recommending Teche-Vermilion Fresh Water District to insure the gate which is at the Pump Station.

Upon motion by Mr. Libersat and seconded by Mr. Segura, the Board approved partial payment #1 from McInnis Brothers Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$110,762.10 which includes 35% of mobilization cost. Motion carried.

Sellers and Associates gave an update on opening of the Loreauville Canal Bypass Channel reporting once the Excavation estimate is received the preliminary Budget will be prepared.

Gene Sellers, Jr gave an update on the New Office Building reporting 90% of the plans are complete. He also recommended Teche-Vermilion Fresh Water District grant Slemco an underground electrical easement of 10' x 295'.

Upon motion by Mr. Thibodeaux and seconded by Mr. Libersat, granting Slemco underground electrical easement for the New Office Building was accepted and approved pending engineering and legal approval. Motion carried

Upon motion by Mr. Libersat and seconded by Mr. Segura, the Board approved to move forward with Inlet Channel Dredging permit application. Motion carried.

Upon motion by Mr. Thibodeaux and seconded by Mr. Libersat, the Board approved to move forward with the Repairs for Ruth Canal Structure. Motion carried.

Upon motion by Mr. Thibodeaux and seconded by Mr. Segura, the Financial Statements for the period ending January 31, 2020 were accepted and approved. Motion carried.

Upon motion by Mr. Segura and seconded by Mr. Thibodeaux, the Board approved the participation with BVPA to plant vegetation at Palmetto Park in Vermilion Parish. Motion carried.

Upon motion by Mr. Thibodeaux and seconded by Mr. Segura, the Board approved to advertise for a heavy-duty fork life for the Pump Station. Motion carried.

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

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

Upon motion by Mr. Segura and seconded by Mr. Thibodeaux, the Board approved a Hartford litigation committee consisting of two members Edward Sonnier and Ralph Libersat with alternates Donald Segura and Tommy Thibodeaux. The committee will be asked to participate in meetings concerning the lawsuit outside of public meeting. Motion carried.

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