MEETING MINUTES

Squirrel Run Levee and Drainage District

March 28, 2023

6:00 PM

1810 Squirrel Run Dr.

New Iberia, LA 70560

1. Call to Order – Chairman, Rene Simon called the meeting to order at 6:03pm
2. Roll Call

\*Members Present: Rene Simon, Burton Cestia, Richard Romero, Wayne Ducote and Beth Clarke

\*A quorum was declared

\*Ian Alpha was in attendance as the attorney for the levee district.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Comments – Mr. Simon welcomed neighborhood attendees. There were no other public comments.
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – a motion was made by Mr. Romero to approve the minutes and a second motion was made by Mr. Cestia.
4. Old Business

Pumping Station Repairs – Matt Landry of Berard, Habetz engineering firm was on hand to discuss the bidding of the pump station repairs. He reviewed what was being bid upon (The electrical upgrades, changes to the structure supports and the redoing of the walkway – which will be bid separately). The bidding process and dates of bids due were reviewed. Brief discussion of possibility of being over budget.

Status of the District’s work to acquire the levee near pumping station – we are waiting for paperwork to be signed by Mark Lipari and Leon Minvielle.

Capital Outlay – Mr. Simon mentioned meeting with Mr. M. Tarantino regarding process for reimbursement from capitol outlay.

Checking Account Balance and Bill Payment - bills paid included 2 payments to Berard Habetz for engineering services and reimburse for ad for bidding; payment to Brushmaster for chemical spraying of levee and to Mr. Dauterive for mowing

of levee.

1. New Business

Tax Receipts for the District since December 1, 2022 = $65,409.55

Bond Payments that will be due April 2023 = $43,245 and $7141.75 will be due 10/1/2023

Millage Assessment for 2023 discussion about whether to increase mils for upcoming tax year. Increasing to 30 mils will need to happen in the following tax year ifnot one this year to allow for collection of up to 30 mils in future due to state amendment. A motion was made by Mr. Ducote and a unanimous second for the millage to be left at 17mils this year.

Louisiana Legislative Auditor Requirements to hire CPA firm for review of the District’s finances – discussion regarding whom to hire – must be chosen from a list of approved LA firms (Kolder-Slaven has given an estimate of $3500-5000 and Broussard Poche will be asked for estimates to provide a review and attestation of our accounting/books.

 Consideration of any other business – No other business.

1. Adjournment Mr. Cestia motioned to adjourn and Dr. B Clarke seconded.