LETA FULL BOARD MEETING

♦April 9, 2020, 2019♦ 12:00 PM ♦

LPB Board Room♦ 7733 Perkins Road ♦Baton Rouge, LA

ZOOM Conference (COVID – 19)

**Members Present:** Valencia Burton, Dr. Tina Holland, Chris Wegmann, Eartha Cross, Sonny Cranch, David Tatman, Julie Cherry, Nikki Godfrey, Bob Emmert, Conrad Comeaux, Tracie Woods, Dr. Belinda Davis, Nancy Harrelson, Dan Hare, and Laura Lindsay

**Members Absent:** Kathy Kliebert, Gigi Carter, Sydni Dunn,

**Employees Present:**  Beth Courtney, Kim Ducote, Christina Melton, John Tooraen, C.C. Copeland, and Carol Manship

**Call to Order:** Valencia Burton called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM.

**Presidents Report:** Valencia Burton welcomes the new board members:

**Tracie Woods – At-large**

**Laura Lindsay – LSU Board of Supervisors**

**Dr. Belinda Davis – BESE**

**Dan Hare – 3rd CD**

**Richard Hartley – 5th CD**

**Approval of minutes:** Valencia asked for minutes of 2-13-20 to be approved. Motion was made by Conrad Comeaux and seconded by Sonny Cranch. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Chris Wegmann gave the Financial Report (see attached). Conrad Comeaux made a motion to approve the financial report. David Tatman seconded. Motion carried.

**President’s Report:** Beth Courtney gave the President’s report. First, she thanked her staff for all the hard work they have been doing during the Covid-19 crisis.

Beth asked Christina to tell the board about what LPB has been doing during the crisis. Christina pointed out the LPB is providing the pool feed for the entire state for all press conferences, covid-19 updates, and related information necessary to keep the citizens of Louisiana informed. LPB is also providing online learning and updating our webpage with the most current information available.

Beth asked Nancy Tooraen to talk about online learning and the difficulties with lack of fiber optic cable and internet in rural areas of the state.

**Friends Report:** Bob Emmert gave the Friends Report (see attached).

**Engineering Update:**  C.C. Copeland gave the board an update on the boiler. The boiler has to be replaced and it will take several weeks to repair.

C.C. also told the board that we have one station left to repack and that is Shreveport.

**Adjournment:** Valencia Burton asked for a motion to adjourn. Conrad Comeaux moved, David Tatman seconded, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:51 PM.