

Bunches Bend Protection District Minutes 3/21/2014

11 a.m. East Carroll Parish Courthouse, Police Jury Meeting Room/
Minutes recorded. Meeting called to order by President Tap Parker. Commissioners present Tap Parker, Steve Brown, Teddy Schneider, Andre Wright, David Oswalt. Absent: Chad Arey.

Minutes read from last meeting 12/16/2013. Revisions to be made: the meeting of 12/16 was at Brister and Brister which is BBPD registered office, David Hart is to be external auditor. Tap Parker made a motion to approve minutes. Seconded by Andre Wright.

Nan Hopkins, CPA gave an updated financial report. The report included balance sheet and construction fund cash available and the ad valorem tax collections and disbursements. Nan also explained the funds transferred from the ad valorem tax account to repay the previous administration costs that were paid from construction fund cash.

Steve Brown made a motion for Tap Parker to be added to the checking account. Seconded by Teddy Schneider.

Jimmy Schneider levee servitude agreement was returned with no signature. None of the provisions were acceptable to Jimmy Schneider. The district was not satisfied.

Andre Wright made a motion for Andy Brister, attorney for BBPD, to send a letter to Jimmy Schneider explaining the authority of the district. Seconded by Steve Brown. Teddy Schneider abstained from voting. Motion passed.

Levee maintenance: Reynold Minsky met with contractors to discuss maintenance options. It was suggested that the levee be mowed three times a year. A bid must be presented once a year with price per acre with all expenses included.

Email addresses were set up for the commissioners. The email accounts are now in use.

No lease was presented to BBPD for Mr. Harris' camp.

Ethics issues include: commissioners to fill out financial disclosure form by April 15 deadline. Also must complete one hour of ethics training on computer.

Connie Gardner from Brister and Brister gave a report from the millage rates meeting. Changes include public announcement 30 to 60 days before millage rates adopted. Also a notice must be published in local paper 30 to 60 days before meeting. Before a motion is passed the public must be asked if they have a comment.

President Tap Parker announced that on May 2, 2014 the BBPD will meet to adopt 2014 millage rates.

Tap Parker asked Andy Brister and Connie Gardner to excuse themselves from the meeting. They were excused.

Tap Parker introduced Scott Wolleson attorney at law in the meeting as conflict counsel. Scott gave an explanation of the 1973 resolution pertaining to the pumping station and the police jury's responsibility. Scott explained it would be a mandamus action for performing nondiscretionary duty. If the district is to proceed it would be in lake providence before a judge.

Teddy Schneider made a motion to go into executive session. Andre Wright seconded.

Andre Wright made a motion to end executive session. Seconded by David Oswald.

Steve Brown moved to adjourn meeting. Seconded by David Oswald.