Houma Restoration District

Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

Commissioners Present:

Noah Lirette Nick Hebert Jason Underwood

Bryan Bunn Kevin Faulk Kevin Champagne

Daniel Babin Sondra Corbitt Tom Hassell - Absent

Others Present:

Michelle Neil Chris Pulaski Shantelle Abshire

Nikki Blade Crissy LeBlanc

1. Meeting call to order: N. Lirette called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: N. Lirette led the board in the invocation. B. Bunn led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: Quorum was present.
4. Public to be heard: N. Blade discussed and invited the board to the upcoming downtown walkthrough.
5. Approval of Minutes: J. Underwood moved to approve October’s minutes. Seconded by: N. Hebert. Motion passed.
6. Officer’s Reports:

*Chairman:* N. Lirette provided his monthly report. Discussions: Downtown Walkthrough, Civic Pride Day, Bylaws, Attorney’s legal services, and committees.

*ViceChair:* B. Bunn provided his monthly report. Discussions: CPA search and recommended Martin and Pellegrin, LLC.

*Treasurer:* N. Hebert provided his monthly report. Discussions: follow up with TPCG’s CFO, ACT 170 CEA agreement, banking updates, and LAMP savings.

*Secretary:* S. Corbitt provided her monthly report. Discussions: required training reminder, minutes posting fees, financial disclosure, and December’s attendance.

1. Bylaws Committee Update: K. Champagne and M. Neil provided the bylaws updates. B. Bunn moved to approve the bylaws as presented. Seconded by: J. Underwood. Motion passed. Discussions: working committees, audit compliance, public meeting notices, and group work.
2. Banking Approval: postponed until the funding is received.
3. CPA Approval: N. Hebert moved to approve Martin & Pellegrin as the CPA. Seconded by: K. Champagne. Motion passed.
4. Board Dates: S. Corbitt provided the board meeting dates for 2023.
5. Non-profit partnership: Discussions: TEDFO, Helio, Hache, Friends of Bayou Lafourche overview, blanket CEA agreement, foundation creation, non-profit vs. political subdivision restrictions, and purchasing properties.
6. Attorney’s contract: B. Bunn made a motion to add M. Neil’s proposal to the agenda. Seconded by: S. Corbitt. Motion passed. All commissioners agreed without opposition from the public.
7. Next meeting is scheduled for November 1st @ 11:00 a.m. B. Bunn made a motion to approve M. Neil’s contract for legal services. Seconded by: K. Champagne. Motion passed.
8. Blanket CEA Draft: S. Corbitt made a motion to approve M. Neil to draft a blanket CEA for non-profit participation. Seconded by: D. Babin. Motion passed.
9. Kayak Launch Discussion: B. Bunn provided an overview of installing kayak launches in the downtown area. Discussions: reconnecting people to Bayou Terrebonne, installation cost, possible locations, kayak trail creation, utilizing existing slips, paddling board classes, Houma Heights’ kayak launch, T-Mobile grant, and research.
10. Other: invite Friends of Bayou Lafourche to the next meeting, masterplan funding, M. Neil’s meeting attendance.
11. J. Underwood moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by N. Hebert. Motion passed; meeting ended at 12:16 p.m.