April 11th, 2024

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF

CADDO LEVEE DISTRICT

AT REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 11, 2024

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At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Caddo Levee District held at 10:00 a.m., April 11, 2024, at 1320 Grimmett Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana, the following members were present: Patrick Harrison, James T. Sims, Carolyn C. Prator, Jackie Baker, Willie Walker, and Gary Procell. Kandi Moore was unable to attend.

Ronald F. Lattier, Law Offices of Ronald F. Lattier; Marshall Jones, J. Marshall Jones Jr., (APLC) a Professional Law Corporation; Joshua Monroe, E.I., LA Department of Transportation; John Barr, Regional Director, Senator John Kennedy’s Office; Laura Seabaugh, Office of Attorney General Liz Murrill; David Hackney, Private Citizen; Patrick Furlong, P.E., Executive Director; Penny Adams, Assistant Executive Director were also present.

The meeting was opened with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Harrison asked for public comments regarding agenda items or other issues.

David Hackney requested the attention of the Board to the issue of the Red River Expressway and permitting in regard to Bayou Pierre. Mr. Hackney referenced a resolution from 2008.

Laura Seabaugh introduced herself to the Board as being appointed by the Attorney General as a Representative and expressed plans for aiding Caddo Levee District moving forward.

President Harrison stated that the minutes from the March 14, 2024, meeting had been emailed for review and asked for a motion to approve. Mr. Sims made a motion, with a second by Mr. Baker, to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2024 meeting. The motion unanimously passed.

President Harrison discussed the monthly financial reports, noting operating expenses were consistent with monthly averages for this time of year except for the purchase of two trucks. The monthly revenues continue to be positive due to commodities and banking rates.

The Board reviewed payments and invoices for the month of March 2024 and subsequent bills for the month of February 2024. Mr. Procell made a motion, with a second by Mr. Walker, to ratify payment of the invoices for the month of March 2024 and subsequent bills for the month of February 2024. The motion unanimously passed.

President Harrison reminded the Board that they are required to file the Louisiana Board of Ethics annual Tier 2.1 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement by May 15, 2024.

The Board with a motion by Mrs. Prator and a second by Mr. Walker unanimously approved the renewal of the following campsite permit: Jeffrey Oberley

President Harrison reminded the Board that they would be receiving training at the ALBL Workshop May 1-3, 2024.

 Mr. Furlong reported on the High-Water Event that occurred earlier in the week with gates being closed and pumps being run. Black Bayou Levee is still intact, but in need of repair this summer due to slides on both sides of the levee. Mr. Furlong reported he went to Vicksburg to meet with the USACE about the Red River Navigation Feasibility Study. Mr. Furlong met with Mr. James, the developer of the Red River Expressway project that Mr. Hackney referenced. Mr. Furlong reported on permits. He mentioned that an oil/gas operator may soon submit a permit near the Twelve Oaks Subdivision to cross a bayou. He also mentioned that the Red River Waterway Commission is working on a boat launch on Twelve Mile Bayou. Mr. Furlong reported the two trucks that were ordered have arrived and were being used this week by the field staff.

There was no Legal Report.

Marshall Jones reported the low oil and gas commodity pricing with predictions for an increase in the future. Mr. Jones also asked for the Board’s permission to proceed with drafting a letter to the new operators in Section 21 of the 250 acres near Caddo Lake to urge them to complete their obligations of plugging wells.

There was no Engineer’s Report.

There was no Forester’s Report.

There was no Personnel Committee Report. However, Mr. Furlong commented that two operators were hired and an additional person for the office will be hired.

There was no Legal Committee Report.

There was no Equipment Committee Report.

There was no Recreational Committee Report.

With no further business to be brought before the Board, Mr. Sims made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Mr. Baker. The motion unanimously passed, and the meeting was adjourned.

President Executive Director