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STATE OF LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
MOTOR FUELS UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK TRUST
FUND ADVISORY BOARD

The above-entitled meeting was held at the
LDEQ, Galvez Building, Conference Center, 602
North 5th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana on the
4th day of September, 2025.

1 APPEARANCES :
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3 TODD PERRY CHAIRMAN

4 LAURENCE "LARRY" CARTER

5 CY MORIN

6 GRADY GAUBERT

7 FRANK MARCELLO

8 JESSE HOPPES

9 NICK ST. ROMAIN

10 JOSH MILAZZO

11 GARY FULTON

12 FRAN FALKE

13 LACEY VITTERI

14 OSCAR MAGEE

15 DAMIEN WATT, VIA PHONE

16 THERESA DELAFOSSE, VIA PHONE

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18 DURWOOD FRANKLIN, VIA PHONE

19 DANIELLE MCCARTY

20 KRISTINE STANLEY

21 MADALYN MARCEL

22 JASON EFFERSON

23 CAREY DICHARRY

24 TREY KEMP

25 JARED SATERFIEL

1 APPEARANCES CONTINUED:
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3 ALLEN KIRKPATRICK

4 NATALIE ISAACKS

5 FERNANDO ITOWALDE
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1 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

2 All right. We will call the meeting
3 to order. I appreciate everybody being
4 here, making time. As we said just a
5 little bit earlier, we've got a few new
6 faces, and that's a great thing. So we're
7 going to have to -- we're going to
8 officially welcome you in just a second.

9 Let's do a roll call.

10 First, we'll do our Board Members to
11 make sure we have a quorum.

12 I'm Todd Perry with PPM Consultants,
13 and we'll go this way.

14 MR. GAUBERT:

15 Grady Gaubert with Louisiana Oil
16 Marketers and Convenience Store
17 Association.

18 MR. MARCELLO:

19 Frank Marcello, Louisiana Oil
20 Marketers.

21 MR. HOPPES:

22 Jesse Hoppes, Leaaf Environmental.

23 MR. PERRY:

24 Okay. And this side.

25 MR. ST. ROMAIN:

1 Nick St. Romain, Louisiana Oil
2 Marketers and Convenience Store
3 Association.

4 MR. MILAZZO:

5 Josh Milazzo, Louisiana Oil
6 Marketers.

7 MR. FULTON:

8 Gary Fulton, Underground Storage
9 Tank Administrator.

10 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

11 So we have 7 Board members here, so
12 we have a quorum. I believe we have one
13 more member.

14 Damien, are you on the line via
15 Zoom?

16 Durwood, are you there?

17 MR. FRANKLIN:

18 Yes, I am, Todd.

19 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

20 Okay. Good. Thank you.

21 And we have -- okay. So we'll come
22 back to that. Well, let's just do that.

23 Durwood, introduce yourself and if
24 there is any -- anybody else on the line.

25 MR. FRANKLIN:

1 Durwood Franklin, DEQ Trust Fund.

2 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

3 Thank you, Durwood. Anybody else on
4 the line?

5 MS. DELAFOSSE:

6 Hey, y'all, this is Theresa. I'm
7 calling in from -- from Santa Fe at the
8 ECOS Conference.

9 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

10 Theresa, we really thought that we
11 were going to get away with something
12 today, but we're glad you're here.

13 MS. DELAFOSSE:

14 Oh, well, I thought that's what I
15 heard. I thought that, but --

16 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

17 That -- that -- that was Frank --
18 that was Frank that said that. We'll --
19 we will have a talk with him later.

20 All right. Anybody -- anybody else
21 on the line?

22 Theresa, you know, we thank y'all
23 for calling in. And now we are going to
24 go right over here to my friend, Cy.

25 MR. MORIN:

1 Cy Morin, DEQ Audit.

2 MS. MCCARTY:

3 Danielle McCarty, DEQ Trust Fund.

4 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

5 Go ahead back this way.

6 MR. KEMP:

7 Trey Kemp, DEQ Trust Fund.

8 MR. EFFERSON:

9 Jason Efferson, DEQ Trust Fund.

10 MS. STANLEY:

11 Kristine Stanley, PPM Consultants.

12 MR. SATERFIEL:

13 Jared Saterfiel, PPM Consultants.

14 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

15 Thank you. And we'll come up from
16 the back, Ms. Natalie.

17 MS. ISAACKS:

18 Natalie Isaacks, Louisiana Oil
19 Marketers.

20 MR. DICHARRY:

21 Carey Dicharry, DEQ.

22 MR. KIRKPATRICK:

23 Allen Kirkpatrick, DEQ Legal.

24 (UNKNOWN SPEAKER)

25 MS. MARCEL:

1 Madalyn Marcel, Trust Fund.

2 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

3 Thank you.

4 MR. MAGEE:

5 Oscar Magee, DEQ Legal.

6 MR. CARTER:

7 Larry Carter, DEQ Trust Fund.

8 MS. VITERRI:

9 Lacey Viterri, DEQ Financial
10 Services.

11 MS. FALKE:

12 Fran Falke, DEQ Financial Services.

13 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

14 All right. Well, we've got a great,
15 great crowd here. And before we get into
16 Item Number 3, I would like to say a
17 welcome to Larry, our new Trust Fund
18 Administrator. Glad to have you, and I'm
19 looking forward to working with you.

20 MR. CARTER:

21 Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

23 Anything I missed? Would you like
24 to introduce yourself to the -- to the
25 group, to those of us that might not know

1 you yet?

2 MR. CARTER:

3 Hello. Hello. Y'all might know me
4 through some e-mails, incidents and
5 compliance-wise, but I've been at DEQ for
6 a while. Went through remediation, team
7 leadership, and the last ten years or so,
8 has been in prevention and compliance. So
9 today I'm going off of Jeff Baker's
10 scripts, so I'm more of the understudy.
11 So the star can't make the show today, so
12 -- but I'm happy to be here, Todd.

13 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

14 Well, you'll -- you'll do great.
15 And congratulations! We look forward to
16 working with you.

17 MR. CARTER:

18 Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

20 Of course, we know Ms. Lacey, but
21 Ms. Fran, you stepped into a new deputy
22 position.

23 MS. FALKE:

24 Yeah. I'm -- I'm the Accountant
25 Administrator. It was Theresa's old

1 position. I've been with DEQ for about 17
2 or 18 years in Financial Services.

3 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

4 We are glad to have you with us. I
5 know you were here at the last meeting,
6 but now you are sitting at the big table
7 with us. Glad -- glad to have you here.

8 MS. FALKE:

9 Yeah. You get used to being out
10 there.

11 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

12 That's right.

13 All right. So let's go on to Item
14 3. As we do, we e-mailed out the agenda
15 on Outlook. Linked is the package that
16 we're looking at today. And in there,
17 we've got our board minutes. Now,
18 Danielle e-mailed those to us earlier.

19 I think you sent those out a couple
20 of weeks after the meeting.

21 MS. MCCARTY:

22 Yes, I did.

23 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

24 But from our June 5, 2025, the topic
25 is board minutes. Any discussions? And

1 then after discussions, we'll open for a
2 motion to accept the board minutes as
3 submitted.

4 So any discussion? Jesse --

5 MR. HOPPES:

6 Motion to accept.

7 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

8 Jesse made a motion to accept. Do
9 we have a second?

10 MR. GAUBERT:

11 I'll second.

12 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

13 We have Mr. Grady -- Grady Gaubert
14 to second.

15 All in favor, please say aye.

16 (All said aye.)

17 Any opposed?

18 All right. The board minutes are
19 adopted.

20 So we'll now move into Item Number
21 4. It looks like we get a daily double.
22 We've got Ms. Fran and Lacey ready to go.

23 MS. VITTERI:

24 All right. I'll be presenting them.
25 If you turn to the purp -- purple tab in

1 your packet. Again, I'm Lacey Vitteri,
2 Accountant in Financial Services, and I'll
3 be presenting the financial statements for
4 the fiscal year that ended on June 30th.

5 As always, this is our standard
6 side-by-side presentation. On the
7 left-hand column is the number to the last
8 fiscal year. And the -- on the right, the
9 most recent fiscal year, which is fiscal
10 year '25. As you can see, we deposited a
11 total of \$28 million into the Fund for
12 fiscal year '25. That total includes the
13 Motor Fuel column plus the Interest
14 column. Bulk distribution fees came in
15 roughly \$640,000 higher than last year.
16 And interest income increased by \$5.5
17 million, which is excellent!

18 The next section is the total
19 disbursements. The total disbursements
20 from The Fund was \$14.9 million. And this
21 includes roughly \$701,000 for the inactive
22 and abandoned tank work. Under the other
23 financing usage, you will see we
24 transferred \$5.6 million to the
25 Environmental Trust Fund for

1 administrative expenses, which is
2 consistent with the previous year.

3 Moving further down the page, the
4 total cash in The Fund at year-end is \$144
5 million. After deducting the liabilities
6 of \$182 million, that leaves us with a
7 negative, un-obligated balance of \$55.7
8 million.

9 And then, on the next page of this
10 report includes the projection of the
11 transfer from the Trust Fund to ETF to
12 cover the admin expenses. We project this
13 expense to remain in the \$5.5 million
14 range. That concludes my presentation,
15 and please let me know if you have any
16 questions.

17 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

18 Thank you, Ms. Lacey.

19 And any questions for Lacey and
20 Fran?

21 I definitely think it's a very
22 positive thing, the work that -- that the
23 department did to help us on the moving
24 the interest dollars to a -- I guess a
25 different type of fund. That shows a lot

1 of improvement. And the great news to
2 that is I think we can, you know, leverage
3 that to address more abandoned sites makes
4 more work around the state. That's very
5 exciting.

6 Nick?

7 MR. ST. ROMAIN:

8 I've got one question. On the
9 disbursements --

10 MS. VITTERI:

11 Okay.

12 MR. ST. ROMAIN:

13 -- how did the interest shift
14 \$700,000 and some change --

15 MS. VITTERI:

16 Yes.

17 MR. ST. ROMAIN:

18 -- from professional services? Is
19 that all abandoned tank or is any of that
20 grant money or --

21 MS. VITTERI:

22 That's all abandoned tank.

23 MR. ST. ROMAIN:

24 All abandoned tanks. We haven't
25 made any disbursements on the --

1 MS. VITTERI:

2 We've made -- We've made two of
3 them, but they're going to be reflected in
4 the following years.

5 MR. St. ROMAIN:

6 Okay. Okay. Not in this -- this --

7 MS. VITTERI:

8 Not in this -- they are not showing
9 up in this year.

10 MR. ST. ROMAIN:

11 I got you.

12 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

13 Are there any other questions for
14 Lacey and Fran?

15 All right.

16 MS. DELAFOSSE:

17 I just want to add --

18 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

19 Thanks Theresa.

20 MS. DELAFOSSE:

21 Can y'all hear me?

22 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

23 Yep. Got you.

24 MS. DELAFOSSE:

25 Yeah. I kind of intended to wait

1 until -- until other business, but my time
2 zone math was off, and I'm not going to be
3 able to stick around for much longer. So
4 I wanted to mention, kind of on the heels
5 of your comment, Todd, about being able to
6 do more with that interest money. That I
7 do think we need to, you know, kind of
8 convene a little work group to discuss our
9 options with regard to that. If there is
10 any potential legislation and also to get
11 y'all's feedback as well on fees for the
12 department as a whole, because we are
13 looking at -- at moving a fee package
14 forward for all media for the entire
15 department in the next session. And I was
16 hoping that, you know, to work together
17 with y'all on that and get some feedback
18 so we can come to a place that works for
19 everybody. So, if y'all can, I guess if
20 y'all can get some names to Todd, so we
21 can convene a work group possibly by the
22 end of September, just to kind of get
23 moving on that and have those discussions.

24 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

25 Theresa, thanks --

1 MS. DELAFOSSE:

2 So that is what I had intended to
3 discuss under the other business.

4 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

5 Great. Thanks for that. We
6 appreciate you letting us know and taking
7 time to be able to call. Good luck at the
8 conference.

9 And so Theresa has opened the door
10 for us if we want to discuss the UST Grant
11 Program. The department is -- is doing
12 some other work and maybe combine that to
13 a work group. So that way we will look
14 for you to, you know, submit a couple of
15 names of members that might like to
16 participate in that. We realize we can't
17 -- we've -- we've got to be careful not to
18 put Trust Fund Board members -- quorum,
19 but we could, you know, hand pick a couple
20 members to participate in that. So we'll
21 -- we will take that up again under other
22 business.

23 And do you have a question for
24 Theresa?

25 MR. MARCELLO:

1 I do.

2 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

3 Front. Yep.

4 MR. MARCELLO:

5 I do. While we have her here, and I
6 apologize for deferring across over your
7 agenda --

8 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

9 Yep.

10 MR. MARCELLO:

11 -- but while we have Theresa, and
12 before she heads out to happy hour, we had
13 asked a couple of meetings about a
14 breakout of all expenses on ETF transfers.
15 Is that something that Ms. Lacey and Ms.
16 Fran will handle as well now, or do you
17 have that available for us?

18 MS. DELAFOSSE:

19 Yeah. That's -- no, they can. I --
20 I -- I thought I had sent what you had
21 asked about, but if -- if you have some
22 time next week, maybe me, you and Fran can
23 get on the phone and we'll just get a list
24 going of what it is you're looking for and
25 we'll -- we'll get it over to you in a

1 week or two. I thought we had sent some
2 stuff, but yeah, we'd be glad to do that
3 anytime.

4 MR. MARCELLO:

5 Okay.

6 MS. DELAFOSSE:

7 And we'll -- I'll shoot you an
8 e-mail and we can find a time to chat next
9 week.

10 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

11 And I'll -- I'll probably -- this is
12 Todd. I'll probably join Frank, if you
13 ladies don't mind, on that call.

14 MS. DELAFOSSE:

15 Oh, absolutely.

16 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

17 And that would be good. That would
18 be great!

19 MR. MARCELLO:

20 Thank you.

21 MS. DELAFOSSE:

22 That sounds like a plan.

23 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

24 Thanks -- thanks Frank --

25 MS. DELAFOSSE:

1 And I know we had mentioned -- I --
2 I know we had mentioned doing a bit more
3 detailed presentation at this meeting, but
4 I -- I did ask Todd for some mercy since
5 it didn't work out at the meeting last
6 week when I was in town, and I didn't, you
7 know, I didn't want to saddle Fran and
8 Lacey with that and we're short-staffed
9 right now and working on several projects
10 for the Division and for the Governor's
11 office. So it's just, you know, time got
12 away from us, but we do plan to do that at
13 the November meeting. And we can
14 certainly have that call sometime next
15 week to talk -- talk through what y'all's
16 questions are at this point and what
17 information we can give out.

18 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

19 I think that is great, Theresa.
20 Thanks for that. And we'll wait to --

21 MS. DELAFOSSE:

22 Okay. Thank y'all so much.

23 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

24 You bet.

25 MS. DELAFOSSE:

1 And they -- they're calling for me
2 now down at the happy hour, so --

3 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

4 Hey --

5 MS. DELAFOSSE:

6 I'm just picking. All right. Y'all
7 are in good hands. Thanks everybody.

8 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

9 Have a productive conference.

10 MS. DELAFOSSE:

11 All right. Bye bye.

12 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

13 And before we go to Item number 4, I
14 -- Damien has joined us on-line.

15 Damien, would you like to introduce
16 yourself?

17 MR. WATT:

18 I'm Damien Watt with Oil and Gas.
19 I've been on for a while. I just -- I
20 would like to -- I tried to second the
21 motion to accept the minutes, so --

22 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

23 Thank you, sir. All right. Glad --
24 glad -- glad you're with us, man. And
25 hang -- hang tough out there, my friend.

1 All right. Any other questions for
2 Lacey or Fran?

3 Everybody okay?

4 Okay. We'll move to Item number 4,
5 which will be our Financial -- I'm sorry.
6 We'll move to Item number 5. I -- I got
7 tripped over myself. Item number 5, we
8 will hear from Mr. Cy.

9 MR. MORIN:

10 Thank you, Chairman, good afternoon.

11 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

12 He's the hardest working man in show
13 business.

14 MR. MORIN:

15 Yes, sir. So on the first page, this
16 details 27 open Motor Fuel cases that are
17 not in Legal. We have 1 case that is
18 waiting use of a small credit, \$60.36.
19 Once this credit is used, the audit will
20 be closed and removed from the list. Ten
21 cases were awaiting review as of June 30th
22 and represented 6 potential clean audit
23 with no assessment and 4 potential and
24 actual assessments totaling approximately
25 \$14,700. I would just note Case 3-25-002,

1 you'll notice the amount of \$9,347.04.
2 Several reports were missing when we
3 started this audit, but they submitted all
4 of them during the audit, so all of money
5 has been collected. We don't foresee any
6 additional assessment, and the -- the
7 business is reporting regularly now so --

8 Since June 30th, three of the 10
9 cases awaiting review have actually been
10 finalized, and two of them are currently
11 under review. So we'll have updates
12 reflected on the next quarterly report at
13 the next meeting. And the remaining --
14 those remaining assessments are pending
15 final review and subject to change.

16 There are 16 cases still in process
17 as of June 30th. Since June 30th we have
18 had one of those turned in and is awaiting
19 review. Since the last meeting we've
20 added six new cases -- the -- the final
21 six cases for fiscal year '25 to the list.
22 One case was finalized and closed with no
23 assessment and one case, the assessment of
24 just over \$4700 was paid in full and the
25 case was closed and removed from the list.

1 That is all I have for this page.

2 Any questions?

3 The second page -- the second page
4 is to the -- the same two cases that have
5 been in Legal. I just wanted to note, the
6 second case should be Case 3-13-008.
7 Somehow that number was changed in the
8 process of -- of putting this report out.
9 Everything else is -- is correct and the
10 same as before. Both Legal cases are with
11 the office of debt recovery as they have
12 been. As of June 30th, we've -- we've
13 received no payments and also the status
14 remains the same.

15 The second case is on the calender
16 for Legal to file a motion to revive the
17 judgment before the expiration date of
18 11/24 of '25. So by the next meeting that
19 will be revived and I'll just confirm that
20 that's revived at the next meeting. And
21 just about -- I think Mr. -- Mr. Marcello,
22 you had asked over how long of a period
23 the \$50,000 was collected --

24 MR. MARCELLO:

25 Yes, sir.

1 MR. MORIN:

2 -- at the last meeting? So I just
3 -- I looked a little -- looked back a
4 little bit just to give you a little brief
5 synopsis. There was a lot of
6 correspondence between DEQ and the company
7 and ultimately a Consent Agreement was
8 signed on February 28, 2005. The company
9 agreed to pay \$13,249.52, which was the
10 amount of the penalty within ten days of
11 signing the agreement and then 35
12 installments of \$2453.61 with the final
13 payment of just over \$2400. They made the
14 first 16 monthly installments as agreed
15 upon, between March '25 and June -- I'm
16 sorry -- March 2005 and June 2006. So
17 within 16 months they paid the first 16
18 payments. At that time, the company
19 requested a reduction in the installments
20 due to hardships from the hurricane that
21 happened in '05. Ultimately, the
22 Department agreed to extend it for six
23 more months. So they -- they did an
24 amended Consent Agreement, but we've
25 received -- we've received no payments

1 after that. And so then the legal
2 process, you know, started after that.

3 MR. MARCELLO:

4 Right.

5 MR. MORIN:

6 And that leaves us with that current
7 balance of \$51,526.08.

8 I hope that answers your question.

9 MR. MARCELLO:

10 It did.

11 MR. MORIN:

12 Okay, great.

13 Well, that is all I have.

14 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

15 All right, Cy. Thank you, sir.

16 Any questions for Cy?

17 Okay.

18 All right, Cy. Thanks, man. I
19 appreciate it.

20 MR. MORIN:

21 You're welcome.

22 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

23 All right. Now we're going to Item
24 number 6.

25 Did you practice in front of the

1 mirror, Larry? Are you ready to go, man?
2 MR. CARTER:

3 Looking at me, I don't look in the
4 mirror.

5 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

6 You've got to cue left. You've got
7 a face made for the court reporter.

8 MR. CARTER:

9 That's right. Yeah. Yeah. Got it.
10 Okay. Wonderful.

11 Okay. That brings us to the Trust
12 Fund section. I'm color blind, so I can't
13 refer you to the tab color, but it starts
14 on page 11 of the document. The first
15 worksheet of this section, page 1 of 10,
16 provides the Board with a summary of
17 pertinent information related to the Trust
18 Fund as of the end of the 4th quarter of
19 fiscal year 2025.

20 At the top of the page, under the
21 Active Trust Fund Eligible Sites section,
22 the report provides a breakdown of sites
23 in the investigation and Corrective Action
24 Phases. Note that sites currently in
25 Corrective Action have an average of --

1 age of 16 years, with the average age of
2 sites in the Investigation/Assessment
3 Phase is 3.9 years, and the overall
4 average is 9.4 years. These ages are
5 determined as the time difference between
6 when the Trust Fund received the first
7 application for reimbursement and the date
8 of the report.

9 Next, note that the total number of
10 1,580 site closures as of the report date
11 with the total of \$348.75 million in
12 reimbursements.

13 Under the CAP Budget Summary
14 section, note that sites currently in the
15 Corrective Action Phase have Approved CAP
16 Budgets totaling \$106.3 million with
17 previous reimbursements of \$90.1 million,
18 leaving \$16.2 million of Approved Budget
19 remaining.

20 Under the next section, 26 sites
21 have been determined Trust Fund eligible
22 over the last 3 years, but as of the end
23 of this quarter have not requested
24 reimbursement.

25 All right. Moving on. At the end

1 of June 2025, Trust Fund had 37 pending
2 Applications to process, which had
3 requested amounts totaling \$821,844.

4 Okay. If you draw your attention to
5 the Fiscal Year Summary section at the
6 bottom of the report, for the 4th quarter
7 of fiscal year 2025, the Trust Fund
8 received 212 Applications, totaling \$4.2
9 million. We determined as deficient or
10 returned 6 Applications for various
11 reasons and \$61,624 was disallowed as
12 ineligible for reimbursement. There in
13 this period, a total of 196 Applications
14 were processed for payment recommending
15 \$3.4 million in reimbursements. Compared
16 to the same quarter last fiscal year, the
17 Trust Fund received 199 Reimbursement
18 Applications, totaling \$2.9 million and
19 processed 214 Applications, recommending
20 \$3.5 million for payment.

21 All right. The next report on page
22 12, or page 2 of 10, is titled Active
23 Trust Fund Sites with Corrective Action
24 Plans. This report breaks down the Active
25 Sites in the Corrective Action Phase.

1 This provides site-specific information
2 related to Application counts, time
3 periods of Trust Fund reimbursements, site
4 location, and various reimbursement data.
5 The column totals at the top of the first
6 page reflect the values for the summary
7 reports.

8 All right. Skip down to page 15, or
9 page 5 of 10. You will see the summary
10 report of the active sites currently in
11 Corrective Action Phase. This table gives
12 the Members an overview of the 115 CAP
13 sites' reimbursements by costing category
14 and CAP budget totals. Note the Total of
15 Current Reimbursements (A) of \$119,006,165
16 includes the values listed above as well
17 as the Total CAP Reimbursements.

18 The next report on page 16, or 6 of
19 10, is titled Active Trust Fund Sites in
20 the Investigation/Assessment Phase. This
21 report also lists the breakdown of the
22 individual sites under investigation by
23 site-specific information related to
24 Application counts, time period of Trust
25 Fund reimbursements, site location, and

1 various reimbursement data. The column
2 totals at the top of first page reflect
3 the values for the summary report.

4 Moving on to page 20, or page 10 of
5 10. This gives a summary of this data.
6 Note that there are 137 sites currently
7 under investigation. These sites, many of
8 which are still actively being
9 investigated, have an average expenditure
10 at the end of June 2025 of \$102,084. The
11 listing cost categories and associated
12 costs give the Board Members, overall, a
13 summary of how the investigation costs are
14 being dispersed.

15 The next report, page 21, is labeled
16 Incidents Determined as Eligible for the
17 Motor Fuel Trust Fund. This report shows
18 36 potential Trust Fund sites that were
19 viewed and made eligible during the fiscal
20 year, which represents 46 active case --
21 incidents. This compares to last year's
22 eligibilities of 27 sites and 29
23 incidents.

24 Okay. If you turn to page 23 of the
25 packet, labeled Trust Fund Sites that had

1 a Release Granted "No Further Action"
2 Status, note in the 4th quarter of fiscal
3 year '25, 36 Trust Fund active sites have
4 received a "No Further Action" status.
5 This compares to 27 sites for the same
6 period last year. You may note that some
7 of these sites are still listed on our
8 active lists. We often continue to
9 receive Reimbursement Applications for NFA
10 sites a couple of quarters after the
11 official closure of the Release as the
12 RACs recoup their expenditures.

13 Any questions to this point?

14 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

15 Larry, one, you're doing a great
16 job. Thank you. You mentioned the
17 previous total the year before on the
18 other -- on the, I guess, new releases.
19 On the closures, you don't happen to have
20 the 2024 number of closures; do you? You
21 have 36 this year, NFAs. Do you know last
22 year's NFA count by chance? If you don't,
23 I've got the minutes. We can look at the
24 previous, but --

25 MR. CARTER:

1 Okay.

2 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

3 -- I just didn't know if you
4 happened to know that.

5 MR. CARTER:

6 No.

7 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

8 Okay.

9 MR. CARTER:

10 And my muscle memory's not up to par
11 just yet on these, so --

12 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

13 That's okay. That's okay. Well, we
14 know the numbers were somewhere between 24
15 and probably 32.

16 MR. CARTER:

17 Uh-huh (affirmative response).

18 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

19 Okay.

20 MR. CARTER:

21 Okay. Well, all I have left is just
22 a couple of points of interest. The Trust
23 Fund recently upgraded -- updated the
24 Guidance Document and made it effective
25 July 1, 2025. It incorporates the number

1 of unit rate increases. The majority of
2 these will equate to a 10% increase. The
3 previous surcharges that were instigated
4 to accommodate the recent inflationary
5 increases in pvc, steel and other
6 materials have been added to the existing
7 unit rates and those rates were then
8 increased by 5%. Hotel per diem rates
9 were not modified since they were recently
10 increased in the January 1 revision of the
11 document. The 10% increase was based upon
12 the recorded Consumer Price Index
13 percentage increases since the 2022
14 version of the Guidance Document.

15 Additionally, the Trust Fund
16 Reimbursement Application was also updated
17 with the new unit rates and posted on the
18 Trust Fund web page in early August.
19 Other modifications to the Application
20 included adjustments to the part three and
21 -- part two and three affidavits to
22 accommodate changes implemented in Act
23 167.

24 Finally, draft dates for the
25 remaining twenty year -- calender year

1 2025 board meeting is November 20th. And
2 just aside, if it all goes well, that
3 meeting may be held next door in the
4 Pensacola Room. And that's all I have
5 unless somebody wants to boo or throw some
6 questions at me.

7 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

8 Nice job. So we will open up the
9 Board formal area with any -- any
10 information. You did a nice job reviewing
11 the data. Thank you.

12 But any questions for Larry?

13 Glad to have you onboard and well --
14 well done, sir.

15 MR. CARTER:

16 Thank you, sir.

17 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

18 Well done. Thank you.

19 All right. Moving to Item number 7,
20 and it looks like we're going to get a
21 daily double play from our legal team.
22 We're going to review Third Party Claim
23 Status and then we will move on to the IRA
24 Executive Session.

25 MR. MAGEE:

1 So we do have one case, we discussed
2 it last -- last session, the Landrys
3 versus Infinity Fuels that's in New
4 Orleans. It's a case that involves a gas
5 station that was -- that's on Esplanade.
6 And right now we are in the middle of it.
7 We filed for some exceptions to be
8 sustained in the court and right now we're
9 just waiting for that date to come, which
10 is the 25th of this month. We'll go down
11 there. We'll let the court hear the
12 exceptions, and hopefully those -- those
13 will be granted. If not, there is a
14 couple of ways it could go. Probably, the
15 best case scenario is that it will be
16 granted. We will never hear from them
17 again. Another option would be that they
18 are granted, but the court allows the
19 parties to amend their petitions, which
20 could be a -- a likely scenario and then
21 we would just go to -- through the case on
22 its merits so to speak.

23 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

24 Okay.

25 MR. MAGEE:

1 So that's a possibility as well.

2 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

3 So -- so from a third party claim
4 status, we only have one active potential
5 or one -- one -- one site of interest
6 that's out there with a claiming incident.
7 In regards to third-party, it's one
8 incident or one site that the third-party
9 claim potentially gets the trust fund.

10 MR. MAGEE:

11 Well, let me -- let me kind of --

12 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

13 Yeah.

14 MR. MAGEE:

15 Right now, the case has -- has some
16 terms that we're dealing with.
17 Third-party claim as it reflect -- as it's
18 reflected in the statute for this group is
19 different from the third-party claim
20 that's being made by the parties right
21 now.

22 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

23 I see.

24 MR. MAGEE:

25 And so -- and so they're -- they

1 haven't done it the proper way.

2 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

3 I got you.

4 MR. MAGEE:

5 Okay. So right now the defendant,
6 which is Infinity Fuels, has brought this
7 -- this agency into court on the basic
8 rules of third-party claims.

9 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

10 Okay.

11 MR. MAGEE:

12 The Legislature has -- has given us
13 a specific tool to use in these instances
14 for something else like for what this
15 would be called a third-party claim, and
16 that hasn't been done. That should have
17 been filed by the plaintiff.

18 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

19 Right. Right.

20 MR. MAGEE:

21 And that wasn't filed. So at the
22 end of the day the court will -- hopefully
23 will decide that in looking at the case
24 this wasn't done properly according to the
25 law, according to what the Legislature

1 expects to see how this works out.
2 Hopefully, the chair will sustain the
3 objection that we have of saying that they
4 don't have a right to do it this way. And
5 at the end of the day what the court might
6 do is they might say, okay, we'll -- we'll
7 let the plaintiff amend the petition. And
8 then we'll just go down the rabbit hole of
9 it being worked out in the merits.

10 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

11 Okay. So I'll restate under Item
12 number 7, Third Party Claims, we're not
13 aware of anything new since the last date?

14 MR. MAGEE:

15 Oh, no.

16 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

17 Okay. And then under Item number 8,
18 did you want to go into Executive Session
19 or we kind of handled --

20 MR. MAGEE:

21 You know, I -- I think that covered
22 it --

23 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

24 Okay.

25 MR. MAGEE:

1 -- unless y'all have some questions
2 and you need to go into executive session,
3 we can -- we can do that.

4 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

5 Thank you, Oscar.

6 So we'll go to the Board. Any
7 questions for -- for Oscar?

8 Well, good luck and thanks for
9 handling it the way you guys are handling
10 it. It sounds like y'all are being very
11 smart and not just saying, hey, you've got
12 a claim. Here you go. So thank you for
13 doing the right thing.

14 All right. So if no other questions
15 for -- for Oscar, we will move on. Item
16 number 7 and 8 are done, so that takes us
17 to Number 9, other business. And Theresa
18 and -- and Frank mentioned some, but let's
19 kind of take it to -- from the top on
20 number 9 and recount that.

21 So let's start, Gary, with you on
22 the USD Grant Program. How did 2025's
23 grant window go?

24 MR. FULTON:

25 It went pretty good. We had, let's

1 see, 20 -- no. Oh, 19 sites in 2025.

2 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

3 Nice.

4 MR. FULTON:

5 And we had 18 sites in '24.

6 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

7 Okay. And all 19, were they
8 awarded?

9 MR. FULTON:

10 Yes.

11 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

12 Okay. Okay.

13 MR. FULTON:

14 We currently have two sites that
15 have been reimbursed from 2024.

16 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

17 Okay.

18 MR. FULTON:

19 And we have four that did Notice of
20 Intents to begin the construction.

21 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

22 On that note, so in 2024 we rewarded
23 18 or 17 grants?

24 MR. FULTON:

25 18.

1 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

2 18 grants. Okay. And two have been
3 claimed, so that drops the number down to
4 16. You are aware of four that are in
5 process --

6 MR. FULTON:

7 Right.

8 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

9 -- so basically that takes us down
10 to 12. If those 12 decide not to move
11 forward with the grant, they basically
12 surrender those --

13 MR. FULTON:

14 Two years.

15 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

16 Yeah, two years. So that would be
17 from July 1, 2024 -- so July 1, 2026, if
18 they don't make a move those would be
19 abandoned --

20 MR. FULTON:

21 Right.

22 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

23 -- or void or whatever the right
24 term is.

25 MR. FULTON:

1 Reimbursed.

2 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

3 Okay. I got you.

4 Okay. So -- so any other questions
5 from the Board in regards to this current
6 status of the program and how it's -- how
7 it's operating?

8 MR. GAUBERT:

9 Question.

10 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

11 Yes, sir?

12 MR. GAUBERT:

13 If one of the grants is abandoned
14 after the two years and the amount that is
15 allocated for that particular grant, what
16 happens to that money? You may have said
17 it before, and I just don't remember.

18 MR. FULTON:

19 It just stays in the -- in the -- in
20 the Fund.

21 MR. GAUBERT:

22 It -- it doesn't increase the --

23 MR. FULTON:

24 No.

25 MR. GAUBERT:

1 It doesn't add to the next --

2 MR. FULTON:

3 No. I don't think the substitute
4 allows for that.

5 MR. GAUBERT:

6 Okay.

7 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

8 Okay. So -- so, you know, to your
9 point, Grady, it would basically -- if
10 that scenario occurred, that \$100,000 that
11 was allocated for that, it would not be
12 deducted from the balance. So the balance
13 would, you know -- again, I know you know
14 this but we are stating for the record --
15 it will remain the same. It wouldn't be
16 deducted.

17 MR. GAUBERT:

18 Right.

19 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

20 So -- and -- and then that would --

21 MR. GAUBERT:

22 But it doesn't accrue or -- to the
23 second -- to the next year?

24 MR. FULTON:

25 Yeah. We can't add it to --

1 MR. GAUBERT:

2 Can't add it.

3 MR. FULTON:

4 -- the second year.

5 MR. GAUBERT:

6 Just was an unused portion of that
7 year's allocation.

8 MR. ST. ROMAIN:

9 Breakage.

10 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

11 So -- so on that point -- Larry, you
12 may have mentioned this -- but what's the
13 balance roughly approximately of the
14 abandoned -- or the interest pot, for lack
15 of a better word?

16 MR. ST. ROMAIN:

17 I think it's \$17 million.

18 MS. VITTERI:

19 Yeah, that's right. \$17.8.

20 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

21 \$17.8. Okay. That was -- good job.
22 \$17.8. Okay. And trend-wise -- Lacey,
23 I'm going to kind of pick on you since you
24 kind of stepped up to answer the question.

25 Do you know if that balance has

1 remained pretty steady over the last few
2 years? Has it been higher?

3 MS. VITTERI:

4 It's higher now since we've just
5 received that \$5.5 million.

6 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

7 Okay. So the anticipation -- and
8 again, abandoned sites are addressed out
9 of this Fund?

10 MS. VITTERI:

11 Right.

12 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

13 And USD Grants are addressed out of
14 this Fund. Are there any other items that
15 are addressed out of the -- the interest,
16 for a lack of a better word?

17 MS. VITTERI:

18 Just the abandoned not the grants.

19 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

20 Okay. Okay. And so why -- why I'm
21 asking that is, that would lead to -- to
22 Theresa's question, Louisiana Oil
23 Marketers Underground Storage Tank owners
24 would like to sit down and visit with DEQ
25 and talk about maybe moving to more of a

1 quarterly application window. Reduce the
2 number of applications but get to where
3 folks don't have to wait around. The same
4 timeframes we recognize that has to be
5 modified legislatively if we all agree
6 that -- that's the way to do it. And --
7 and then I think visit on the amounts of
8 impacts.

9 MR. FULTON:

10 Right. Right. We would gladly, you
11 know, look at that.

12 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

13 Do you -- do you think that is
14 something, Gary, Theresa mentioned a work
15 group by the end of September. Do you
16 think we might be able to kind of combine
17 those together?

18 MR. FULTON:

19 I hope so.

20 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

21 Okay. Okay. So -- so then -- then
22 we'll go to -- to our Executive Director,
23 President of the LMOGA -- Chairman --
24 Natalie, what's your correct title?

25 MS. ISAACKS:

1 Whatever y'all --

2 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

3 Yeah.

4 MS. ISAACKS:

5 Yeah. That's good to be able to
6 combine them.

7 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

8 In regards to also what members
9 might participate.

10 MS. ISAACKS:

11 Yeah.

12 MR. FULTON:

13 It would be an application process.
14 Whatever works for y'all. I mean, if it's
15 quarterly, I don't see -- I don't really
16 see a problem with that. You would -- you
17 would just have to change the statute, of
18 course.

19 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

20 Yes, sir. Okay.

21 MR. GAUBERT:

22 This is related to changing the
23 statute. Does the department have the
24 authority to change that particular
25 statute and/or adjust any of the amounts?

1 MR. FULTON:

2 No. We have to go to the
3 Legislature.

4 MR. GAUBERT:

5 The Legislature. In both -- in both
6 scenarios?

7 MR. FULTON:

8 Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

9 MR. MARCELLO:

10 I think it would be good to kind of
11 -- that balance keeps growing over time,
12 so you'll have to get -- you'll have some
13 sites that just don't make it and things
14 like that, but even anticipating having it
15 larger than what the annual revenue is
16 knowing that it's going to fall back below
17 that to kind of keep that balance from
18 growing. And then we can always adjust it
19 later if there are ways to do that. I'm
20 sure we'll discuss later.

21 MR. ST. ROMAIN:

22 Right. In the legislation and you
23 can have a CAP.

24 MR. MARCELLO:

25 Yeah, where you don't have both.

1 MR. ST. ROMAIN:

2 So you can have grants and --

3 MR. MARCELLO:

4 Right.

5 MR. ST. ROMAIN:

6 And then this group could probably
7 always tail it off or add to it because of
8 the --

9 MR. MARCELLO:

10 I think that would be probably a
11 good move to where it doesn't just keep
12 growing indefinitely.

13 MR. ST. ROMAIN:

14 Right.

15 MS. VITTERI:

16 Can I agree on something for this
17 section if it needs to go that way?

18 MR. MARCELLO:

19 Yes.

20 MS. ISAACKS:

21 Okay.

22 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

23 And then another discussion would
24 be, I think y'all recalled around 252 open
25 Trust Fund sites at this point -- it's in

1 that neighborhood. So that basically
2 tells me we've got about another 250 of
3 abandoned sites-ish.

4 MR. FULTON:

5 -- ish, yeah. Yeah.

6 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

7 So 200, 250, somewhere up in there?

8 MR. FULTON:

9 Right.

10 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

11 Okay. I'm just trying to get an
12 idea what the abandoned reports looks
13 like.

14 All right. So we'll do on Exxon
15 will be, Gary, is to bring back a few
16 names for you guys to, you know, consider
17 about working with in a work group.

18 MR. FULTON:

19 Absolutely.

20 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

21 So to the Board, any other questions
22 regarding the grant program and any other
23 comments?

24 All right. Thank you, Gary, and
25 Lacey, and Ms. Theresa. I know she's not

1 on the line, but for mentioning that.

2 All right. Let's see, Frank, I know
3 you had a other business item, do you want
4 to add anything to that or --

5 MR. MARCELLO:

6 I -- I -- I do want to add something
7 to that.

8 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

9 Yes, sir.

10 MR. MARCELLO:

11 I don't know whether a disconnect
12 came through, and I don't know the
13 reasoning beside -- around the
14 circumstances why -- excuse me -- this
15 expense report was not given to the Board.
16 It was asked for twice. So I don't -- I'm
17 not against a meeting. I don't see the
18 need for a meeting, because it's -- it's
19 very plain and simple. And while we're on
20 the record, I would like to ask that the
21 -- the transfers that were made total for
22 fiscal year '25, totaled about \$5. --

23 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

24 Six.

25 MR. MARCELLO:

1 \$5.6 million. Okay. All we ask for
2 is to break that number out. There is no
3 -- there's no need for a meeting to ask
4 the same question again. If there is any
5 question, I would like for DEQ to call The
6 Department of Revenue and just ask about
7 their form. How much did you make last
8 year? Send it in. That is how the
9 revenue collects their money. How much
10 did you make? Send it in. So in that
11 line of thinking, how much did -- was
12 transferred? Where did it go? Simple as
13 that. And that -- that's -- that was my
14 request a couple of times. So, again, I
15 don't see the need for a phone call as
16 long as we all know that the transfer was
17 \$5.6 million, break it out, as simple as
18 that.

19 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

20 And I'm with you. And I think
21 possibly --

22 MR. MARCELLO:

23 That's The Department of Revenue
24 right there.

25 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

1 Well, you said the name and they
2 were like, I -- I need to talk to Frank.
3 But, yeah, I think Theresa may have had a
4 presentation that she was going to give at
5 this meeting and that may be why she wants
6 to do that instead. I'm confident we can
7 get that information, so I'm with you on
8 that request.

9 MR. ST. ROMAIN:

10 Frank's point is probably something
11 that should be reviewed by the whole
12 Board, not a -- not a separate phone call.
13 By the whole Board, at least handle it.
14 Say here's our ETFs and where they went
15 to, you know.

16 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

17 Yeah.

18 MR. MARCELLO:

19 I just didn't want there to be any
20 question about -- because what was said
21 was, what was asked for was a
22 teleconference between whoever wanted to
23 be involved and for us to state what we
24 needed. We've already stated that twice
25 --

1 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

2 Right. Right.

3 MR. MARCELLO:

4 -- what we needed. That is the
5 number. Break it out.

6 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

7 Yep.

8 MS. VITTERI:

9 I know -- last year, for fiscal '24,
10 I remember breaking it all out. Someone
11 had requested it. I haven't done it for
12 this year. Of course, we just finished.

13 MR. MARCELLO:

14 Right. Right.

15 MS. VITTERI:

16 So we can easily just do what we did
17 last year.

18 MR. MARCELLO:

19 That would be great.

20 MR. ST. ROMAIN:

21 More importantly, we should probably
22 always do it, a certain quarter of the
23 year, in general.

24 MS. VITTERI:

25 Of the breakdown?

1 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

2 Yeah. Just have a statement in the
3 3rd quarter or if it's 4th Quarter, but
4 3rd quarter would probably be better.

5 MR. ST. ROMAIN:

6 Right. Kind of like 2nd quarter,
7 you probably have to have a standard on
8 there for a recommendation of the meeting
9 --

10 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

11 Yeah, that's right.

12 MR. ST. ROMAIN:

13 -- for the -- for the fiscal year.

14 MS. VITTERI:

15 And Theresa's presentation normally
16 breaks it all down, how much salaries for
17 each section and -- but that's -- that's
18 what the report will have to do.

19 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

20 Frank, thanks for that.

21 Anything additional.

22 MR. MARCELLO:

23 I'm good. Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

25 Nick?

1 MR. ST. ROMAIN:

2 Yes, sir.

3 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

4 Okay. Any other business -- any
5 additional business, I should say?

6 Okay. Everybody good. All right.

7 As Larry mentioned, our next meeting
8 will be November 20, 2025. Take a quick
9 peak at your calenders just in case
10 somebody sees something out there.

11 November 20th --

12 MR. GAUBERT:

13 What did you say?

14 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

15 November 20th.

16 MR. GAUBERT:

17 All right. I look good. Okay.

18 MR. WATT:

19 What date again?

20 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

21 November 20th, Damien.

22 MR. WATT:

23 November 20th.

24 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

25 November 20th. Not Thanksgiving,

1 the week before. Tuesday right before.

2 MR. WATT:

3 I'm looking at the calender.

4 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

5 Okay. You're away?

6 MR. WATT:

7 The 20th works. Yeah, I can make it
8 work.

9 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

10 Okay. Everybody else look okay?

11 MR. WATT:

12 I'm all good for that day.

13 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

14 Okay. Okay. Good. Well, thanks
15 for the reminder, Larry. And we look good
16 there.

17 All right. So any other comments or
18 additional business?

19 MR. ST. ROMAIN:

20 Still need some new board members
21 coming up soon. Just a reminder.

22 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

23 That's right. So, Larry, you may or
24 may not know this or Gary, you may or may
25 not know this; Jesse, you've got a term

1 coming up and --

2 MR. ST. ROMAIN:

3 And Frank does too and I think
4 Damien as well.

5 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

6 Okay. So Damien is a remote spot
7 and -- so -- so we'll work that. And
8 that's -- do you know or maybe Jesse
9 knows, do you know when that term actually
10 happens?

11 MR. HOPPES:

12 At the end of this year.

13 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

14 So -- so the Department would need
15 to go ahead and begin to basically search
16 the LMOGA, the consultant, the secretary
17 name, that position particularly and then
18 the lawyer so okay.

19 Yeah. Go ahead, Damien.

20 MR. WATT:

21 So I'm clear -- excuse me -- so my
22 term is up too?

23 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

24 Well, I think you may be a -- yeah
25 -- yeah, I think you're a re-nominate so I

1 think you don't -- I think you're a
2 standing position on the Board. I think.

3 MR. WATT:

4 Okay.

5 MR. FULTON:

6 I'm not sure.

7 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

8 Oscar maybe can help us look at
9 that.

10 MR. MAGEE:

11 I don't know right now off the top
12 of my head.

13 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

14 Right. We can look it up. I'm
15 pretty sure Damien is just a simple
16 re-nomination. He can continue to stay
17 on.

18 MR. ST. ROMAIN:

19 I can look at that and maybe we can
20 discuss it at the next meeting.

21 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

22 Where -- we will be two terms and we
23 have to --

24 MR. ST. ROMAIN:

25 It's a three-year term, but you can

1 do two consecutive.

2 MS. ISAACKS:

3 Yeah, it should be. I know we have
4 received a sheet that was kept updated on
5 the Board members, their post and when
6 they needed to be reappointed --

7 MR. MAGEE:

8 Who does that?

9 MR. MILAZZO:

10 It's on the Trust Fund website.
11 It's on the DEQ website under the Trust
12 Fund --

13 MS. ISAACKS:

14 I mean it was something that Jeff
15 would send me whenever we would have
16 somebody up; and then, in turn, submit
17 whatever was needed at the time.

18 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

19 But -- but it's easier to work in
20 the 3rd and 4th Quarter than in the 1st
21 quarter when, you know, time is tight.

22 Thanks, Natalie, that's good on
23 that.

24 And, Damien, to your point though, I
25 think we're going to find out if LMOGA has

1 got the ability to -- to, you know, key
2 you to basically appoint their
3 environmental person. So we'll confirm
4 that to make sure.

5 MR. WATT:

6 Well, I have a question, we've had
7 representation that long?

8 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

9 You guys have had representation --
10 yeah, y'all have had representation since
11 the beginning.

12 MR. WATT:

13 Okay.

14 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

15 And -- and -- and -- but -- but the
16 trick was we did not have representation
17 for a number of -- of years and so we were
18 really glad when you stepped back into the
19 -- and Nathan came a few times, but we had
20 a lot of quiet meetings. We had a lot of
21 quiet meetings, so --

22 Okay. All right. Thanks, Jesse.

23 All right. With all of that -- with
24 all of that said, we will move into our
25 close of meeting, so --

1 MR. GAUBERT:

2 One more?

3 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

4 Yep. We've got one more okay. All
5 right. So we'll open up for a motion to
6 -- to close.

7 MR. ST. ROMAIN:

8 I'll make a motion to adjourn.

9 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

10 All right. Motion to adjourn.
11 Second?

12 MR. GAUBERT:

13 Second.

14 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

15 I got you. Okay. So Gary, that was
16 you?

17 MR. GAUBERT:

18 Yeah, I think so.

19 CHAIRMAN PERRY:

20 Yep. That was close -- that was
21 close.

22 And all right. All members please
23 say aye.

24 (All said aye.)

25 Any opposed?

1 All right. Thank y'all very much.
2 I appreciate y'all being here.
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