MEETING MINUTES

Squirrel Run Levee and Drainage District

February 28, 2024

6:00 PM

1810 Squirrel Run Dr.

New Iberia, LA 70560

1. Call to Order – Chairman, Rene Simon called the meeting to order at 6:08pm
2. Roll Call

\*Members Present: Rene Simon, Burton Cestia, Richard Romero, Wayne Ducote and Beth Clarke

\*A quorum was declared

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Comments - There were no other public comments.
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – a motion was made by Mr. Cesta to approve the minutes and a second motion was made by Mr. Ducote. Motion accepted and carried unanimously.
4. Financial Report – Budget was reviewed (actual and previously proposed) was reviewed and approved following motion by Mr. Ducote and seconded by Mr. Cestia.
5. Old Business

Pumping Station Repairs/Reconditioning of pumps – Initial pumping station repairs have been completed and the 2 other pumps are now in need of attention. Discussion regarding the timing of the repairs. Mr. Simon would like a committee to oversee the project to be performed by Matt Landry of Berard, Habetz engineering firm.

Capital Outlay – We have received our first payment of 198,000 and an additional 52,000 is anticipated. Mr. Cestia is again in the process for requesting future reimbursement from capitol outlay.

1. New Business

 Iberia Parish Assessor, Ashlie Spiker was on hand to discuss the property valuations and assessments. This year, 2024 is a re-evaluation year and will impact our millage. Mr. Simon is going to attend a ZOOM call regarding the re-evaluation process.

 Adopt the millage rate for 2024 – postponed

Consideration of the 2024 Budget – operating budget discussed and passed/accepted unanimosly following a motion by Dr. Clarke to approve and Mr. Romero seconded.

Louisiana Legislative Auditor’s Requirement to hire aCPA to review the district’s finances. A motion was made by Mr. Ducote and seconded by Mr. Cestia that Kolder, Slaven and Company CPA will again be retained to provide a review and attestation of our accounting/books.

Efforts to minimize yard debris and trash from entering the Drainage System was discussed. A Facebook post may be the best way.

Consideration of any other business – no other business was discussed.

1. Adjournment the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 following a motion by Mr. Cestia and seconded by Mr. Ducote.