Houma Restoration District

Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Commissioners Present:

Noah Lirette Nick Hebert Jason Underwood

Bryan Bunn Kevin Faulk Kevin Champagne

Daniel Babin Tom Hassell Sondra Corbitt - Absent

Others Present:

Michelle Neil Chris Pulaski Nikki Black

Ryan Perque Matthew Rivere Lacey Crochet

Lisa Kliebert Mart Black Cohen Guidry

1. Meeting call to order: N. Lirette called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: T. Hassell led the board in the invocation. N. Lirette led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: Quorum was present.
4. Public to be heard: C. Pulaski introduced his guests, Terry Gold, Lacey Crochet, and Lisa Klibert.

N. Black invited everyone to the Community Workshop scheduled that evening at La Petit Theater for 5:00 p.m. C. Guidry spoke about the Community Development Grant.

1. Friends of Bayou Lafourche Presentation: R. Perque conducted a presentation to the board; topics include:

* Introduction of the new Executive Director, Matthew Rivere.
* Friends of Bayou Lafourche non-profit structure and board
* Organization’s focus: economic development, beautification, recreation, revitalization, and increased outreach.
* Bayou Lafourche’s waterways for commercial and recreational.
* History of Bayou Lafourche’s waterways: waterway commerce, water supply process, Fresh Water District, dredging, and Wier Project in Thibodaux.
* Projects: Thibodaux boat launch with wooden and floating docks, derelict boat removal and process, Nicholls bayou side park, Downtown Thibodaux Weir removal project, Napoleonville’s community center park, Raceland Visitor’s Center scenic pier, and St. Charles motorized boat launch.
* Outreach: Bayou Lafourche’s inventory assets, floating dock construction/donations, and sewer system cleanout grant opportunities.
* Events: St. Patrick’s Day on the Bayou, Bayou Lafourche cleanup, and boat parade.
* Nicholls’ bayou side project and kiosk for kayak, canoe, and paddling rentals.

Other discussions: additional water flowing to Bayou Terrebonne, required permits, floating dock costs, private/public partnership, parish-owned land, liability state statutes, and long-term property leases.

D. Babin provided an overview of Louisiana’s recreation trail program and requirements. Discussion included: grant opportunities, Houma Height’s kayak launch, forging a partnership with the parish, T-Mobile Grant, and a possible kayak launch spot: Ellender parking lot, RGS parking lot, DA building, Waitz parking lot, and the Feed Store.

1. Approval of Minutes: B. Bunn motioned to approve November’s meeting minutes. Seconded by: J. Underwood. Motion passed.
2. Officer’s Reports:

*Chairman:* N. Lirette provided his monthly report. Discussions: Non-Profit CEA agreements, funding, and State CEA agreement. M. Neil provided an overview of the non-profit CEA agreements.

*ViceChair:* B. Bunn provided his monthly report. Discussions: moveable floating docks, Bayou Terrebonne dredging/cleaning, and Martin and Pellegrin’s CPA firm.

*Treasurer:* N. Hebert provided his monthly report. Discussions: State CEA agreement overview, upfront funding requests, program goals, performance measures, staff salary requirements, and required reporting. Other discussions included: Parish’s master plan/funding, flexible budget, security, encouraging economic development, and cultural events.

1. B. Bunn moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by K. Champagne. Motion passed; meeting ended at 12:30 p.m.