

Minutes of the Upper Delta Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting January 22, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Delta Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors was held on Friday, January 22, 2021 via Google Meets conference call and social distancing at the Cottonport Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 11:06 a.m., and the meeting was chaired by Chairman, Mr. Price Gay.

- Supervisors Present: Andrew Price Gay, Jr., Chairman
Mark Engemann, Supervisor
Donald Schexnayder, Supervisor
- Supervisors Absent: Robert Morris, Vice-Chairman
Chip Vosburg, Supervisor
- Others Present: Carlyn Morales, District Secretary, New Roads
Wendy Gibson, LDAF, Ag Enviro Specialist
Melina Royer, NRCS, Soil Conservationist
Mohan Menon, GIS Engineering
J.A. Rummeler, Capital Area Ground Water Conservation Commission
Aimee Preau, DEQ

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT:

The Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the December 29, 2020 meeting. Chairman, Mr. Gay asked for any public comments and there were none. A motion was made by Mr. Schexnayder, and seconded by Mr. Engemann and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of the December 29, 2020 Board Meeting as written. Also approved was the December 2020 District Accomplishment Report (this is an addendum to these minutes). Motion carried, these documents were approved and the minutes signed accordingly.

SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT:

The Board of Supervisors conducted a review of the District Financial Statement and the District Monthly Budget Report for December 2020. Chairman, Mr. Gay asked for any public comments and there were none. The Financial Statement and Monthly Budget Report (which contain a record of the receipts and disbursements) were approved by the Board in a motion by Mr. Schexnayder and seconded by Mr. Engemann and passed unanimously. The Board reviewed the November and December 2020 Program Assistants' Farm Bill Timesheets. Motion carried; this report is attached along with the minutes.

DECEMBER 2020 RECEIPTS

Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry/OSWC ----- (Dec 2020 Allocation)	\$2,616.00
Pointe Coupe Parish Government ----- (Supplement for Dec)	\$270.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS -----	\$2,886.00

DECEMBER 2020 DISBURSEMENTS

State of Employees Group Benefits----- (Dec District Contribution C. Aguilard's portion \$588.94 + G. St. Romain's portion \$328.54)	\$917.48
LA Department of Agriculture and Forestry ----- (PP 23 & 24 Payroll Pay Periods)	\$2,131.36
Capital RC&D ----- (FY 21 sponsor dues)	\$250.00

Supervisors *Per Diem and Mileage

Supervisor	Per Diem	Mileage	Total
Andrew Price Gay, Jr.**	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$ 00.00
Robert Morris**	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$ 00.00
Morgan Vosburg**	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$ 00.00
Donald Schexnayder**	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$ 00.00
Mark Engemann**	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$ 00.00

***Effective February 6, 2007, Supervisors elected to forfeit Per Diem and Mileage.**

**** Attended meeting without Per Diem or mileage reimbursement**

District Salaries – Pay Periods 23 & 24	\$1,850.94
Retirement – Parochial/Deferred	\$138.82
FICA – Pay Periods 23 & 24	\$114.76
Medicare Tax – Pay Periods 23 & 24	\$26.84

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS -----

\$5,138.04

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board reviewed an email from the Louisiana Grazing Land Coalition Initiative, regarding the Virtual Farm Tour.
ACTION: None.

The Board reviewed an email newsletter from NACD concerning the Annual Meeting registration reminder and agenda.
ACTION: There was a motion made by Mr. Schexnayder, and seconded by Mr. Engemann and passed unanimously, to approve registering Mrs. Morales to attend the virtual NACD meeting.

The Board reviewed an email newsletter from CPRA concerning the Morganza to the Gulf project. Mr. Menon updated the Board on what that project consisted of and how it will not be tied to Upper Delta parishes.
ACTION: None

The Board reviewed a letter from West Baton Rouge Historical Society concerning the membership invoice.
ACTION: There was a motion made by Mr. Engemann, and seconded by Mr. Schexnayder and passed unanimously, to approve renewing the membership to the WBR Historical Society.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Menon, with GIS, gave update that the EA report was submitted on January 14, 2021 and a hard copy was delivered January 19th. Discussed was the process of getting letters of support from parish presidents and the update of the LWI application has begun.
ACTION: None

The Board discussed with Mrs. Morales that the Locally Led meeting will take place sometime before March 5th. Mrs. Morales will work with Mrs. Voorhies to see if it will be a virtual meeting.
ACTION: None

Mr. Gay and Mrs. Morales reviewed the attendance of the LACD virtual meeting.
ACTION: None

NEW BUSINESS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Rummler asked how he would be able to comment on the EA report from GIS. Mr. Menon replied he will get with Mr. Rummler. Mr. Rummler also asked if NRCS or the District can assist with setting up a mitigation bank for Agriculture producers. Mrs. Morales will relay the question to Mrs. Voorhies and have her look into it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

Melina Royer, NRCS Soil Conservationist, reviewed the District Conservationist report for the New Roads office.

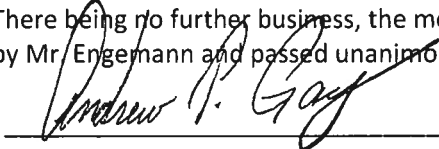
ACTION: None

Chairman, Mr. Gay asked for any public comments and there were none.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Upper Delta Soil and Water Conservation District will be held Virtually from the Cottonport Community Center in New Roads, LA on **Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.**

Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m. in a motion by Mr. Schexnayder and seconded by Mr. Engemann and passed unanimously.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew P. Gay", is written over a horizontal line.

Andrew Price Gay, Jr.
Chairman