

**Minutes of the
Upper Delta Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting
June 16, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Delta Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 via ZOOM conference call and social distancing at the Pointe Coupee Parish Scott Civic Center Pavilion. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m., and the meeting was chaired by Chairman, Mr. Price Gay.

- Supervisors Present: Andrew Price Gay, Jr., Chairman
Donald Schexnayder, Supervisor
Mark Engemann, Supervisor
Chip Vosburg, Supervisor
- Supervisors Absent: Robert Morris, Vice-Chairman
- Others Present: Carlyn Morales, District Secretary, New Roads
Theron Phillips, LDAF, Ag Enviro Specialist
Wendy Gipson, LDAF, Ag Enviro Specialist
Mohan Menon, GIS Engineering
Seneca Toussant, GIS Engineering
Mariann Alvarez, GIS Engineering
Zack Remedies, Soil Technician
Melina Royer, Soil Conservation
Mark Ward, Pointe Coupee Parish Government
J.A. Rummeler, Public Attendee

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT:

The Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the May 15, 2020 meeting. Chairman, Mr. Gay asked for any public comments and there were none. A motion was made by Mr. Engemann, and seconded by Mr. Schexnayder and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2020 Board Meeting as written. Also approved was the May 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 May 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. Vosburg and seconded by Mr. Engemann and passed unanimously. The Board reviewed and approved the May 2020 Program Assistants' Farm Bill Timesheets. Motion carried, this report is attached along with the minutes.

MAY 2020 RECEIPTS

Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry/OSWC ----- (May 2020 Allocation)	\$2,898.00
Pointe Coupee Parish Government ----- (Supplement for May)	\$270.00
2020 Farm Bill ----- (March FB)	\$954.00
Regions deposit to Cottonport Acct.----- (Apr Interest)	\$0.85
Feliciana SWCD ----- (Area V Deposit)	\$150.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS ----- **\$4,272.85**

MAY 2020 DISBURSEMENTS

State of Employees Group Benefits----- \$917.48
(May District Contribution C. Aguiard's portion \$588.94 + G. St. Romain's portion \$328.54)
LA Department of Agriculture and Forestry ----- \$1,928.38
(Payroll Pay Periods 8 & 9)

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 8 & 9	\$1,674.66
Retirement – Parochial/Deferred	\$125.60
FICA – Pay Periods 8 & 9	\$103.83
Medicare Tax – Pay Periods 8 & 9	\$24.29

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS ----- **\$2,845.86**

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board reviewed an email from Theron Philips, LDAF, Teleconference and Video Conference updates.

ACTION: None

The Board reviewed an email from Clay Alexander, LDAF, about the Sugar Research Station Virtual Field Trip July 15th. The Board asked Mrs. Morales to remind them the day before so they can attend.

ACTION: None.

The Board reviewed an email from Brad Spicer, OSWCC, Operating budget review reminder. Mrs. Morales reviewed the budget with the board and discussed that Mr. Bennie Tate is reviewing and fixing and she will send out the final copy before sending to the state office.

ACTION: A motion was made by Mr. Vosburg and seconded by Mr. Engemann, and passed unanimously, to approve the updated budget.

The Board reviewed a memo from Dr. Girouard, SSWCC, concerning Annual Supervisor's Election. Mrs. Morales announced that Mr. Engemann was up for election.

ACTION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Toussant sent out a powerpoint and gave an update from GIS Engineering. Mrs. Morales forwarded a copy of the powerpoint to all attending the meeting. Mr. Toussant and Mr. Menon explain that despite the challenges of the corona virus pandemic, the August deadline is still looking like a good finish date.

ACTION: None

Mrs. Morales announced she received the LACDA Scholarship application from Ms. Ashlyn Pinsonat, Supervisor Mr. Robert Morris' grand-daughter. Mrs. Morales forwarded to the State Auxiliary board to compete regionally.

ACTION: None

Mrs. Morales gave an update on the Area V meeting. At this time, the Area V meeting is still postponed until further notice.

ACTION: None

Mrs. Morales discussed the updated telework schedule with the board.

ACTION: None

NEW BUSINESS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Phillips discussed that Mr. Breaux was voted by the commission as the replacement for Mr. Spicer. The nomination has been sent to the Commissioner for the final approval.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Zack Remedies, New Roads Field Office Soil Technician, read the New Roads District Conservationist report. Mr. Schexnayder let everyone know that Mr. Terry Kelly has accepted a new position in South Carolina and has moved. Mrs. Morales announced that Ms. Arnelis Crespo will be the acting District Conservationist at the Addis Office until further notice.

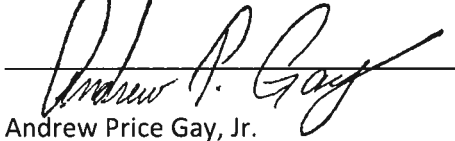
ACTION: None

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 at the District office in New Roads, LA on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 a.m. in a motion by Mr. Schexnayder and seconded by Mr. Vosburg and passed unanimously.



Andrew Price Gay, Jr.