

**Minutes of the
Upper Delta Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting
March 10, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Delta Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at the New Roads Field Office, 377 Major Parkway, New Roads, LA. The meeting was called to order at 8:12 a.m., and the meeting was chaired by Chairman, Mr. Price Gay.

- Supervisors Present: Andrew Price Gay, Jr., Chairman
Robert Morris, Vice-Chairman
Donald Schexnayder, Supervisor
Chip Vosburg, Supervisor
- Supervisors Absent: Mark Engemann, Supervisor
- Others Present: Carlyn Morales, District Secretary, New Roads
Candis Voorhies, NRCS District Conservationist, New Roads
Theron Phillips, LDAF, Ag Enviro Specialist

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT:

The Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the February 13, 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. Vosburg and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2020 Board Meeting as written. Also approved was the February 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 February 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. Schexnayder and passed unanimously. The Board reviewed and approved the February 2020 Program Assistants' Farm Bill Timesheets. Motion carried, this report is attached along with the minutes.

FEBRUARY 2020 RECEIPTS

Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry/OSWC ----- (Allocation)	\$0.00
Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry/OSWC ----- (2019 Nov Farm Bill)	\$1,443.00
Pointe Coupe Parish Government ----- (Supplement for)	\$270.00
Regions Interest ----- (Feb Interest)	\$2.73
TOTAL RECEIPTS -----	\$1,715.73

FEBRUARY 2020 DISBURSEMENTS

State of Employees Group Benefits----- (Feb District Contribution C. Aguillard's portion \$588.94 + G. St. Romain's portion \$328.54)	\$917.48
LA Department of Agriculture and Forestry ----- (Payroll Pay Periods 1, 2 & 3)	\$3,146.30
Capital RC&D ----- (2020 Annual Dues)	\$250.00
Carlyn Morales -----	\$188.55

(Travel to Lukeville/posters\$38.34, Capital SWCD \$52.38, LACD Meeting \$97.83)	
Chip Vosburg -----	\$74.82
(Travel to GIS Meeting - Oct 2019)	
Mark Engemann -----	\$39.44
(Travel to LACD Meeting in BR)	
West Side Journal -----	\$28.00
(Annual Subscription)	
Louisiana Women in Agriculture Conference -----	\$825.00
(Sponsor Registration cost {\$75 each} 11 ladies from District Area to attend)	
LA Women in Ag Conference -----	\$480.00
(sponsor the Dairy Tour Lunch)	
West Baton Rouge Museum -----	\$100.00
(Area V Meeting room rental)	
West Baton Rouge Museum -----	\$375.00
(Area V Meeting deposit - will be returned after meeting)	
Cottonport Bank -----	\$7.00
(Minimum Balance fee)	

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
**	\$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 1, 2 & 3	\$2,732.34
Retirement – Parochial/Deferred	\$204.93
FICA – Pay Periods 1, 2 & 3	\$169.41
Medicare Tax – Pay Periods 1, 2 & 3	\$39.62

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS ----- \$6,431.59

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board reviewed an email from Jeanette Hale, Arkansas ACD, with information about South Central location and dates. Mrs. Morales asked the board to put it on their calendars and she will update as more information is distributed.

ACTION: NONE

The Board reviewed an email from Clay Alexander, LDAF, concerning LACD Scholarship. Mrs. Morales announced she has sent to all West Baton Rouge and Pointe Coupee Parish schools. She also sent to 4H agents and any personal seniors she could think of. She asked the Board to spread the word to seniors that may be going into Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences.

ACTION: None

The Board reviewed an email from Gayle Roussel, New River SWCD, invitation to attend St. James Ag Day at the Fast Food Farm.

ACTION: None

The Board reviewed an email from Crescent SWCD, concerning a boat for sale.

ACTION: None

The Board reviewed an email from Maddy Coco, Avoyelles SWCD, LACD dues.

ACTION: A motion was made by Mr. Morris, and seconded by Mr. Vosburg, and passed unanimously, to approve paying the 2020 LACD dues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No GIS Engineering representatives were present. Mrs. Morales gave the update that she completed the task that Mellowdee said was needed to get payment, and there is still no payment. Mrs. Morales said she received an email that stated not to use EZFedGrants website anymore. Mr. Gay called Mrs. Tibbs on the conference phone and had her on speaker to have her walk through what the issues were and why there is still no payment. Mrs. Tibbs said that Mrs. Morales should use the website despite what the email said. She looked in the system and stated that it was on Mrs. Morales to go in and sign then there would be payment. The call ended and Mr. Gay said he would call Mr. Britt Paul after the meeting to find out what is really going on.

ACTION: None

Mrs. Morales gave an update on the Nutrien Trailer and announced it would be visiting Catholic of Pointe Coupee on March 17th if anyone supervisors wanted to see the presentation.

Mrs. Morales announced it is LWAG Conference week. She said all the tours were booked and all the sponsored ladies from Pointe Coupee & West Baton Rouge would all be on the dairy tour. She will give updates when they get back.

Mrs. Morales announced it is the time of the year to do Ag in the Classroom Literacy Projects if Upper Delta wants to be involved, she has over 15 classes that have signed up already and over 500 students to give goodie bags if Upper Delta wanted to add something to the bag. Mr. Schexnayder suggested purchasing something like watermelon or cucumber seeds and making some sort of package for outreach. Mrs. Morales said she would look into what she could find along those lines and let the board know.

ACTION: A motion was made by Mr. Schexnayder, and seconded by Mr. Vosburg, and passed unanimously, to approve spending no more than \$500 on some sort of outreach materials.

Mrs. Morales gave an update on the planning of the Area V meeting in 2020. Mrs. Morales discussed that everyone in the industry have been invited and almost everyone has replied. She will follow up with the ones who have not replied next week. Mrs. Morales said she will let the board know what help she will need the week before.

ACTION: None

NEW BUSINESS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. Phillips announced that Mr. Spicer's last day in the office is the end of this week.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Candis Voorhies, New Roads District Conservationist, read the Addis District Conservationist report from Terry Kelly and gave her New Roads District Conservationist report.

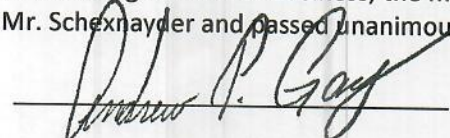
ACTION: None

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, May 12, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.**

Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m. in a motion by Mr. Vosburg and seconded by Mr. Schexnayder and passed unanimously.



Andrew Price Gay, Jr.