



SPARTA GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 2:00 P.M.

Claiborne Parish Police Jury Annex
Homer, LA

MINUTES/ MEETING NOTES

CALL TO ORDER: The October 2023 meeting of the Sparta Groundwater Conservation District Commission was called to order by Nick Cox at 2:00 PM at the Claiborne Parish Police Jury building in Homer, LA, in Claiborne Parish. Members present and not present can be found on the attendance list. It was determined there was a quorum. (Sign in sheets available upon request).

The Invocation was given by Mr. Reggie Skains. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Jimmy Hand.

Welcome and Comments: Mr. Cox welcomes special guests including legislative representatives, agency, and other elected officials. Guest sign-in sheets are available upon request.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sam Little and seconded by Milton Melton that the October 11, 2023 meeting agenda be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Reggie Skains and seconded by Mr. Jimmy Hand that the April 12, 2023 meeting minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Lindsey Gouedy presented the treasurer's report, in lieu of Keith Jeselink who was not present. The current bank balance is \$42,470.50 as of 10-11-2023. Detailed financial statement was submitted for review to the commissioners and the floor was opened for questions and discussions. It was motioned by Milton Melton and seconded by Sam Little to approve the treasurer's report.

Commissioner's Report:

Sparta Foundation-Jimmy Hand reported on the status of the Sparta Foundation. Mr. Hand reported there had been few expenditures, and he also discussed the Sparta Water Fest in correlation with the local 4H club. As of October 8, 2023, the Sparta Foundation has a balance of \$8,305.54.

Executive Director's Report: Executive Director, Lindsay Gouedy, provided her quarterly update. Mrs. Gouedy discussed the EDA project was to be updated; she also discussed impact from drought, salt water intrusion; the Grant sunsets in April 2024. What's next? Updating USGS Data should be a priority.

Union County Water Conservation Board-This report was reviewed by Mrs. Gouedy. There has been a drop in Sparta water usage from 21 mgd to 7-8 mgd, and the aquifer has seen a rise of up to 120' in some areas.

Burns and McDonnell-EDA Project. Paul McCormick gave an update on the project. The model has come together well. The Sparta Commission does not want model bias. We will have an accurate model, and the model needs new USGS data entered. He also spoke on the subject of the water use database.

General Business:

Lindsay Gouedy reviewed the 2024 budget. Mr. Jimmy Hand moved a motion for approval, and Milton Melton seconded.

Public Comment was extended to all in attendance.

Commissioner comments were offered to all commissioners in attendance.

Next meeting is to be held in West Monroe.

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 4 pm.

Nick Cox